

Warwick Community Newsletter

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E D E T A I L S

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES: All articles, ads and correspondence should be emailed if possible to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com. If you cannot email, drop off clearly printed articles in the METCALF CHAPEL MAILBOX AT 32 ATHOL ROAD **by the 20th of the month before the article will run.** Please note that we do not accept 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 Mary Humphries 544-0126 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.

Phone Directory

Emergency 911
 Selectboard /Town Coordinator
 978-729-3224
 Warwick Broadband
 413-676-9544
978-544-
 Selectboard voice mail
 6315
 Treasurer/Collector 3845
 Highway 6349
 Library 7866
 Fire Station 3314
 Animal Control 3402 Animal
 Contr.Pager 978-217-2681
 Clerk/Assessors 8304
 Bd of Health 6315
 Community School 6310
 Police Dept Business
 2244
 Building Inspector 2236
 FAX all depts. 6499
 Burn Permits:
www.fcburnpermits.com



SPECIAL EVENT!

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE
 DEDICATION OF THE **“OLIVER & VIRGINIA FELLOWS
 COMMUNITY GARDEN” ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH AT
 1:00 PM.**

The dedication will be held rain or shine, and there will
 be free lemonade for all!

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Office hours: Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m., August 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Thank you, John Paganetti, Town Clerk

ASSESSOR CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Office hours: Tues. 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and
 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. or by appointment. (978) 544-8304

Tracy Styles, Assessor Clerk

ARE YOU NEW TO WARWICK? OR HAVE YOU LIVED HERE FOREVER?

DID YOU KNOW? ...The Moore's Pond Beach Committee will SPONSOR the 9th ANNUAL HOMEMADE CARDBOARD BOAT RACE ON MOORE'S POND. **Register by Sunday, August 27 at 2:15 pm** to enter your boat in the 2:30 race. YES, you read it correctly... the boats are made BY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS from cardboard and duct tape. THEN someone commandeers your personally-designed vessel for approximately 30 yards across the water. Check the internet for BOAT DESIGN ideas.

For the second year, there will ALSO be a pedal boat race. Boat decorations would be nice but are optional.

Bring your homemade boat and/or pedal boat to the beach, register and give it your best! There are first and second prizes for adults and children's race as well as a sinker award and a fan favorite.

THIS FUN CORREGATTA is FOR ADULTS of all ages AND CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD. The race rules and details can be found at the Warwick Town Hall or Library. Boat construction rules are online at this link: www.warwickma.org/documents/moores/rules.pdf

Come newbies, come veterans of this race, and make a memory FULL OF fun and creativity with tons of laughs! For further information contact Diane Ellis 978-544-3616.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Thai Garden

2 Bridge St.

Northampton, MA 01060

Lunch Mon-Sun, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Dinner Mon-Sun, 4:30 to 9:00 PM

Temporarily closed on Tuesday

Went to this Thai Garden during the spring; never been to this one. They have a sister location in Keene, NH, where I have eaten many times when I worked in Keene. I would say they are both very good. Our service was great and the food was delicious.

Lunch runs \$7.98 to \$12.98 and dinners run \$8.98 to \$18.98. I will say the parking is not the easiest. They are right on the other side of the railroad bridge (heading out Rt 9). We parked almost under the bridge. There is a side street that may be better parking. I've never been too happy getting around Northampton because of the parking. I think Keene is much easier to navigate; but, you can always stroll around and do some shopping either after or before lunch or dinner.

I think you will enjoy it.

Bon Appetit!

Gloria Varno

Warwick Old Home Days Aug 26th and 27th

On the 26th on the Town Common

Tag sale; crafters welcome ~ free space, bring your own table

Downstairs in the Town Hall
"Guild Cafe" 8:30 to 11:30 coffee and muffins

Parade at 10:00 am (if you want to join, be at the school by 9am)

10:00 am to 3:00 pm Open Mic

10:00 am to 1:00 pm Library open

1:00 pm Dedication of the Community Garden in honor of
Ginny and Oliver Fellows

2:00 pm Warwick Oral History on the Parish and Religious Meeting
House and Town Clock and Bell Tower inside the Town Hall

Noon Fireman cookout-hamburgers, hot dogs, and fries

Wagon rides with Hubbard Horses?

5:30 pm Church Supper: ham & beans, coleslaw & more!
Benefits Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

7:00 pm Performance by Kandie Carle (The Victorian Lady)
Sponsored by the Warwick Arts Council

On the 27th

9:30 am Worship at Trinitarian Congregational Church

2:30 pm at the Town Beach Moores Pond Cardboard Boat Race

Come join the festivities and have some fun!!



ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste District is planning to hold the 2023 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 23rd at GCC's Main Campus and the Orange Transfer Station. **Residents and businesses must pre-register by September 15th.** Online pre-registration for the 2023 collection will open on August 16, at: franklincountywastedistrict.org. Mail-in registration forms will be available in mid-August at town transfer stations and in local newspapers.

Participants will be assigned an appointment time to bring waste to the collection; an appointment time and instructions will be provided by mail after registration is processed. The collection is free for residents of most of the District's 21 member towns. Businesses may participate but 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, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, and other household chemicals. A more complete list of acceptable items is at: franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Batteries and mercury-containing items such as fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers, and thermostats will not be accepted at this collection. These items, which may contain mercury or heavy metals, should never be put in trash or recycling. Handle carefully, bring them to a municipal transfer station or a [Regional Hazardous Waste "Super Site"](#) and hand to attendant. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only).

For more information visit: franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711

Warwick Women's Guild Events

August 1, 2023

Warwick Women's Guild will meet **Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 12:30 PM** in the parking lot of the Town Hall to carpool to the Northfield Mountain Picnic area by the CT River. Bring your bag lunch and either wear an item or bring an item you bought on a trip and give a five-minute talk about the place. This was a big hit last year, so we are planning it again. If you want a chair to relax in, bring that too, as they only have picnic tables.

September 5, 2023

Warwick Women's Guild will meet **Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 1:00 PM** in the Town Hall.

Foot Clinic

All clinics are at 8:00 a.m. at Metcalf Chapel.

- ◇ August 11th October 13th
- ◇ Sept. 8th November 10th



OLD HOME DAYS SUPPER ~ SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH 5:30-6:30 PM

The Trinitarian Congregational Church invites you for dinner on Saturday night! Come to the Town Hall at 5:30 and enjoy a home-cooked meal of ham and beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and a dessert of ice cream and brownies. Enjoy this great meal with family and neighbors! Proceeds from this event benefit the ongoing work of TCC Warwick.

Old Home Days, August 26th at the Warwick Town Hall, 7pm



The Warwick Arts Council Presents

Fashion in Fiction

Clothing speaks volumes in Jane Austen's Regency Novels

Kandie Carle (aka The Victorian Lady)

Dressed in authentic Regency attire, Ms Carle gives a detailed overview of the clothing in the early 1800's for both gentlemen and ladies whilst sharing excerpts from Austen's personal letters and novels. Ms Carle draws on her background in theatre, dance, and historical fashion to engage and enthrall the audience! All ages welcome to this free event. Donations gladly accepted.

THE GREEN CORNER

Back in April, the Green Corner titled “Talking Trash” ended with an ambiguous sentence:

“Until the recycling industry shows improvement in the handling of recyclables, and until the plastics industry stops kidding us about that recyclable symbol they use so freely, there is a lot we can do on our own right here in Warwick....”

Introducing Amy Donovan, the Program Director of the Franklin County Waste Management District, who knows a heck of a lot more about this than we do. It turns out that we in Western Mass are doing much better than most other places. Here are the facts:

“Our local recycling is really recycled. The Springfield MRF, where recyclables from our region are processed, is a high-quality facility that sorts, bales and markets 95% of the material that comes in. The operations are overseen by an active Advisory Board, on which I have served for 16 years. The MRF Advisory Board has a 30-year history of great resident education and has always pushed the MRF operator to sell recyclables materials from western Mass to domestic recycling markets (and we’ve been mostly successful in that). See <http://springfieldmrf.org>.

A few activist groups have the ear of the press, and the national media keeps repeating their incomplete narrative that ‘only (5% or) 9% of plastic is recycled’ without explaining the whole story, or even finishing the sentence. The EPA’s ‘9% of plastic is recycled’ figure represents ALL plastics that are manufactured in a given year, even those not intended to be recycled, such as shower curtains, diapers, trash bags, appliances, carpeting, etc. It does not refer to the percent of plastics actually recycled after being put in recycling bins or programs. It doesn’t mean that only 9% of what you put in your bin is recycled and the rest is thrown away. It means that of ALL the plastic manufactured, 5% or 9% is the type that is recycled, depending on which data set you are using. It is very misleading.

Recycling’s detractors also claim that “only #1 and #2 plastics are recycled.” This is also misleading. There are now very few food, beverage, personal care or soap containers made from resin #'s 3, 4 and 7. Let’s delve into the details:

#3, PVC (polyvinyl chloride) has been greatly reduced in use for food and beverage containers, due to safety concerns.

#4, LDPE (low density polyethylene) is mostly used for making plastic bags.

#5, PP (polypropylene) plastics ARE recycled from many regions and definitely from the Springfield MRF. This resin is often used for yogurt tubs and their lids, clear plastic cups, etc.

#6, EPS (expanded polystyrene) is the only one that is still largely in use and that has to be thrown away if it is included in recycling, as there are little to no end uses for it.

#7 was previously used for baby bottles, water bottles and items made of hard, BPA-laced plastic, which has mostly been discontinued due to safety concerns. #7 is often used for “other” types of plastics and is now used for some “compostable plastics.” Compostable plastics are made from corn (polylactic acid/PLA) and are accepted in commercial or municipal composting, such as the compost program at Warwick transfer station (brands must be ‘BPI certified’).

With all that being said, the resin # system is so outdated that it is no longer used in consumer recycling education. A newer system called ‘How2Recycle’ (<https://how2recycle.info>) is now being used on many/most product containers and boxes. This new label provides specific instructions on how (or where) to recycle a particular item.

Acceptable plastic items are now defined as bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs, plus clear plastic clamshell food containers, clear plastic egg cartons, and clear plastic cups. Any other plastic items are generally unacceptable in household recycling. See the Springfield MRF Yes/No list: <http://springfieldmrf.org/docs/containers-mar23.pdf>.

For more on recycling in our region, please see the 2023 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) Guide for Hampshire and Franklin Counties and beyond: <https://tinyurl.com/RRRN-2023>.

The MassDEP’s RecycleSmart webpage contains many resources, including a newsletter that explains more about plastic recycling: <https://recyclesmartma.org/category/newsletters>.”

Coordinator Report for August Warwick Community Newsletter

The Warwick School District was awarded \$33k for security measures including remote locking front door, video surveillance, doorbell phone, restoration of the burglar/intrusion alarm, and 911 compliant phones. These are federal funds and require a Sam.gov registration of our entity which is Warwick, Town of. Getting this registration completed was like a Groundhog Day experience and took me a year and was expired for half a year. I understand now why there are consultants who charge hundreds to do this for you. That registration preserved the above grant award and failure to have it lost one award.

The next day we heard that our \$200k grant award for our broadband system was approved. We documented our additional costs met for our fixed wireless system demonstration project for which we borrowed in addition to the original \$450k grant. This subsequent grant means Warwick Broadband and the Town will be debt free going forward so all we will have to do is keep the network going but not “retire” capital debt. This sets us up to survive the end of our internet monopoly. We will be able to operate at whatever scale is required. Yes, we will keep WBS going and yes, many of you will leave for Spectrum cable. I heard that the first customers in Royalston are being served. That puts us about a year out for that project completion.

The end of August marks the end of a continuing consulting contracted relationship with Dr. Susan Hollins who has served as senior educational consultant for the past four years. While a lot of people deserve credit, I want to acknowledge that we could not have gotten our independence from the regional system without her. She deployed her knowledge and investigated so many options and identified the things we needed to address and be aware of to become a School District. We submitted answers to every of the state’s questions and objections. In the end it was more than three hundred pages, and the answer was yes.

Susan Hollins’s work contributed to our success in getting significant private foundation financial support. This is unbelievably valuable “soft” money where we are not much budget-constrained but had goals to achieve in planning to be a tiny independent and innovative public school. They were not paying for a process so much as giving us the means to achieve the goals we set. We have used this funding to ramp up the new School District. This week we got the news that our implementation (as opposed to planning) New Schools Venture Fund request, a follow-on grant, has been funded for the next three years.

At the McKnight property FRCOG planning has been assisting us with the environmental compliance issues at the town-owned property on Wendell Rd. We got word that EPA is going to fund cleanup and they plan to start in the fall when the “debris fields” are not hidden by vegetation. There is evidence of “forever chemicals” in groundwater, from the illegal landfill of roofing materials. In general, when you own property with pollution you own the pollution. Because the town acquired this property for non-payment of taxes our responsibility is not to make it worse. With help from the Moores Pond neighborhood we have been making it better. EPA has hired a licensed site professional, and the cleanup will commence when the leaves are off the trees. An open matter is neighborhood well testing for which there is no funding on this date available.

Gail B, our school and senior lunch chef informed me that because of her responsibilities to our school and earning limits as a retiree she will not be able to continue senior lunch past July. At this point there will not be a senior lunch in August unless by volunteers or we are able to hire someone else. Once school is up and running, I have a plan to buy the main course from school lunch and take it from there. I think initially we will need to return to the Town Hall until the School Committee and the state approve a comingled approach.

Mr. Bill Ashley, who is a county resident, donated a \$35k solar array to the Town of Warwick. We are putting the system on the highway department roof. Construction begins next week. In addition to funding the photovoltaic array the donor has generously forgone tax and cash incentives. When the Town accesses these cash incentives they will go in a revolving fund to be used for more solar generation capacity on municipal buildings.

During the last weeks of July we are building town owned fiber connecting the Town Hall and School. This circuit will pay for itself in six months as Warwick Broadband are able to share one big fiber internet pipe from Springfield and as a result lower our internet transport costs and increase internet capacity at our elementary school.

Coordinator Report, Cont'd.

Finally, the Town Highway Department has the Help Wanted sign out. Larry's phone number is 544-6349. Please apply if you feel you may be qualified. And thanks to the retirees and others who are pitching in as we make flood repairs with a department that numbers only two workers.

DIGITAL EQUITY SURVEY

The [Massachusetts Broadband Institute \(MBI\)](#) recently launched the Massachusetts Statewide Digital Equity Survey to better understand the needs of Massachusetts residents when it comes to internet access and digital equity. The information from this survey will be used to develop the Massachusetts Digital Equity Plan. Simultaneously, the FRCOG is working directly with many communities across Franklin County on developing local and regional Digital Equity Plans. Responses from the survey will also be used to develop these local and regional plans.

This important survey will help inform the investment of historic funding to provide improved connectivity for all residents of Massachusetts, increasing access to education, healthcare, civic engagement, economic, and other opportunities. We would like to make sure your voice is heard and that both our Franklin County plans, and the Commonwealth's plan reflect the unique needs in our communities.

The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete [HERE](#). Please consider completing the survey and sharing with your friends, colleagues, and community members to do the same.

To follow the Statewide Digital Equity Planning process, please visit [the MBI website](#).

For more information, please contact Jessica Atwood at jatwood@frcog.org or Ted Harvey at tharvey@frcog.org.

(This information provided by Ted Harvey. Senior Economic Development Planner, FRCOG.)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

YOGA Saturday 9:15-10:30 a.m., Town Hall \$5-10

A foundation in Kripalu and Integral Yoga with a therapeutic approach; an all-level Saturday morning yoga class.

ZUMBA *New day!* Tuesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. \$5

Ohlson Field parking lot (if raining, Town Hall)

PICKLE BALL Adults, Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m., WCS Gym, no charge.

I would really like to have times available for kids and families. Pickle Ball is the fastest-growing sport in North America! Great for all ages. Rec. has the equipment; just bring clean sneakers. Please email leannelimoges@gmail.com or call -5553 with suggestions.

PING PONG Adults, Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m., WCS Gym, no charge.

Thank-you, Leanne, Warwick Recreation Committee

LIBRARY NEWS—AUGUST 2023

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8 (and Saturdays 10-12:30 (during school year only).
Contact: warwick@cwmares.org; 978-544-7866; Ivan Ussach, director.

Museum Passes: The Warwick Library has free admission passes to the Brattleboro Museum of Arts & Culture, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Clark Museum, Historic Deerfield, the Magic Wings Butterfly Museum, MassMOCA, Massachusetts State Parks (DCR Free Parking Pass), and the New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill.

NEW — Free Saturday passes to the LaunchSpace/Makerspace at the OIC in Orange: Unleash your creativity! The Makerspace features 13,000 sq. ft. of equipment for makers to produce work in the areas of fiber art, painting, printmaking, woodworking, pottery, leatherwork, photography, 3D printing, laser cutting & engraving, metal working, and more! 2-person and 4-person passes are available from the Library for Saturday afternoon sessions. More information at launchspace-orange.com.

NEW - BookBrowse: The Warwick Library is pleased to offer this helpful service to our patrons. For more than two decades, BookBrowse (bookbrowse.com) has provided a curated resource of the best in contemporary fiction and nonfiction, with an emphasis on books that not only engage and entertain but also deepen our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Use BookBrowse to find books by theme, read-alikes, reviews, excerpts, articles, interviews and more! **NOTE: Use “wfpl” for password.** Contact the Library for details.

Summer Reading Program - Find Your Voice! The Library has reading logs for students to keep track of summer reading. The reading logs can be turned in for prizes at summer's end. **Tote bags illustrated with the Find Your Voice! theme are also available free to children.**

Thursday, August 24th - 7:30 pm: Monthly Short Story Hour - *Night of the Living Rez*: Set in a Native community in Maine, this debut collection of stories (2022) by Morgan Talty portrays what it means to be Penobscot in the twenty-first century and what it means to live, to survive, and to persevere after tragedy. Winner of The New England Book Award and many others, Talty is a National Book Foundation 5 Under 35 Honoree. Come to read or just to listen.

Saturday, August 26th - 2 pm: Warwick Oral History Program: As part of Old Home Days, there will be a two-part Warwick Oral History program inside Town Hall, beginning at 2 pm on Saturday, Aug. 26th. The first part will be a showing of the recently-completed video on the First Parish and Religious Society Meeting House and the Town Clock and Bell it houses; the 2nd part will be a followup live discussion among audience members and panelists associated with the Meeting House video project--the discussion will also be recorded as part of the Oral History Project. The entire program is expected to run approximately 90 minutes. All are welcome!

A Patron's Book Review: *Roses in the Mouth of a Lion* by Bushra Rehman - This novel about a girl growing up in the tight-knit Pakistani-American community in Corona, Queens, in the 1980s, joins the long line of American immigrant family dramas. Initially, the life of Raiza, our young heroine, revolves around her family, her girlfriends, her innumerable aunts, and a great deal of food. There is always a get-together or a religious holiday that requires aluminum pans full of fragrant Pakistani biryanis, aloo keema, chana chaat and kofta. There are intriguing descriptions of the neighborhood, her adventures with her friends, her Koran classes, and the green card-seeking cousins from Pakistan who visit each summer seeking wives. You'll learn a lot of new words and a glossary would have been helpful. But when she gets into Stuyvesant, New York's premier public high school, and falls in love with Angela, a classmate, her world obviously changes. Whether it is 1895 or 1985, there is always the tension between the warmth of family and tradition and the allure of America's free new ways; the friction between the fearful parents and the exploring teenager. This book follows the pattern, but the milieu is different enough that you are happy to explore Queens in the 1980s with Raiza. This book could be good for a strong young adult (YA) reader. (Review by Babette Krolik, Athol Road.)

Did you know?: The Library's Free Parking Pass for the Massachusetts State Parks allows you to park a vehicle at most DCR parks that charge for parking, without paying the daily parking fee!

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

AUGUST 2023

Dear Friends,

“Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring ruin to the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale. We will make the ephah (a measure of grain) small and the shekel (the price of the grain) great, and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the refuse of wheat.’” Amos 8: 4-6

Fr. Richard Rohr calls the Bible one of the few truly subversive texts of history, *“...because it repeatedly and invariably legitimizes the people on the bottom, not the top. Rejected sons, barren women, sinners, lepers, or outsiders are... the ones chosen by God. It’s rather obvious when pointed out to us... we are presented with some form of powerlessness- and from that situation God creates a new kind of power. This is the constant pattern found hidden in plain sight.”*

Episcopal Bishop Carol J. Gallagher is a member of the Cherokee nation and the suffering and degradation of her people informs her understanding of heaven and hell as the impact of our choices to live (or not) in right relationship with each other and with creation. *“Our place of removal, Oklahoma Indian Territory, was a dry place, ever so different from our homelands...in the midst of the worst kind of hell people can live through – displacement, dislocation and dishonor – we sought a little heaven in our little gardens and small streams, and in one another...To me, then, heaven and hell are concepts that are part of all creation. Heaven and hell exist within and beyond the confines of our world of space and time. We can participate in heaven by living in harmony and respect with all of creation or in hell by bringing greed, selfishness and disease upon the whole earth...Heaven and hell are not so much places where we end up in the afterlife or places of reward and punishment, but rather, they are moments in relationship, lived experience here and in the time that follows our so-journ on this earth.”*

Every great world religion has a version of the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” at its core, and yet every great religion has its “shadow side” which claims exclusive access to the divine. Rohr contends that *“If our egos are still in charge, we will find a ‘disposable’ person or group on which to project our problems. People who haven’t come to at least a minimal awareness of their own shadow side will always find someone else to hate, fear and exclude. Hatred holds a group together much more quickly and easily than love and inclusivity...Sadly, the history of violence and the history of religion are almost the same history. When a religion remains at an immature level, it tends to create very violent people who... project all their evil somewhere else and attack it over there ...Something has to be sacrificed. Blood has to be shed. Someone has to be blamed, attacked, tortured, imprisoned or killed. Sacrificial systems create religions and governments of exclusion and violence.”*

We are experiencing this outbreak of projected evil all around the world; the Ukrainians are said to be responsible for Russian aggression, Muslims in India are said to be responsible for Hindu nationalists attacks, religious nationalists in Israel, the Middle East, Europe and the US claim to be merely trying to preserve the purity of their religion by vilifying and physically attacking others .

And yet, the founders of Jewish, Muslim and Christian religions were champions of reconciliation and restoration. Jesus taught and modeled inclusivity and forgiveness. Abraham met God and angels through open hospitality. Mohammed gathered warring factions together in mutual respect instead of hatred and retribution. Perhaps the creation story of eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil should be reinterpreted as eating of the fruit of the ego that sows seeds of division and fear which we humans have fed with our greed and our fear of “the other”, which is really our projection of our own worst selves. We can do better.

Seeking understanding, Dan

UP-COMING EVENTS

DEDICATION OF THE “**OLIVER & VIRGINIA FELLOWS COMMUNITY GARDEN**” **SATURDAY, AUGUST 26** AT 1:00 PM.

There will be a short ceremony of unveiling the sign followed by lemonade and snacks (fresh out of the garden if we're lucky).

OLD HOME DAYS SUPPER - SAT, AUG 26 – 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Ham & Bean Supper with coleslaw and potato salad, cornbread, and brownies with ice cream. Indoor and outdoor dining, weather permitting.

MOVIES IN THE CHAPEL WED, AUG 23, 7 PM **“A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR”**

This film shows the convoluted path for asylum seekers and those who interview and process their requests. This documentary has access to the halls of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) “where human rights and American ideals collide with the nearly impossible task of trying to know the truth.”

We are becoming a more **Age & Dementia Friendly Church**. We are attempting to schedule rides, calls, visits, etc. for those in need of such services. We have begun with Ginny Fellows and Cal Fellows with a calendar of volunteer drivers, callers, visitors, etc. posted in the Chapel parlor. We will be working with the Council on Aging to further develop and refine the process. We will post more information as it gets developed.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS *Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. The personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with “food stamps”.*

BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC *Sheets (the shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets and pillowcases, towels and washcloths are collected and taken to the area shelters. Bring clean and useful items to the Chapel, and we will get them to the shelters.*

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.*

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS **9 AM @ the Chapel** Thanks to Clyde Perkins Sr., Zac Marti and many others, we have free food to give to those in the surrounding community who could use help stretching their food budget. Come check us out.

AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Zumba 8:00 am; Library 1:00-8:00 pm; Women's Guild 12:45 pm	2 Transfer Station 3:00-7:00 pm	3 Library 5:00-8:00 pm	4 Zumba 8:00 am Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	5 Yoga 9:15-10:30 am Town Hall Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm.
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

FOOT CLINIC: August 11th

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SHORT STORY HOUR: August 24th

WARWICK ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM: August 26th

COMMUNITY GARDEN DEDICATION: August 26th

OLD HOME DAYS: August 26th & 27th