

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Town Coordinator Report

David Young

The Towns of Warwick and Northfield together got a STRAP grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the state to rebuild a degraded section of that important connector, the Northfield Road. There's a lot of people to thank and I going to key on Senator Comerford who convened the towns jointly to plan, and Town Administrator Llamas of Northfield who actually wrote and submitted the applications, freeing you and I to work on components of the request. Congratulations to the town and thank you to the many residents who wrote letters of support. I think this showing of support and the cooperative and rather novel approach our two towns took helped us to stand out. Selectboard member Dexter represented the town at the Zoom press conference. He offered our community's thanks and spoke about our need for help in part because so much of our land is publicly owned. This project will be under construction next year and under the direction of Gill Engineering.

We have our first case. According to published state public health metrics our town has recorded its first case of Covid19. Our Pioneer regional public-school community has shifted to virtual for the rest of November. As winter approaches and outside gatherings become a challenge, the Selectboard have made venue space at our Community School gymnasium, a large space that is well ventilated, available provided it is operated within the parameters imposed on occupancy. One regular user is the Council on Aging who developed written protocols for their sponsored activities including equipment being used, it is sanitation, and not sharing equipment. Participants abide by social distancing. The facility is not open for private parties.

There has been action at the tax foreclosed property on Moores Pond. The first load of 460 tires was shipped. Disposal and trucking cost \$1k for that first load cost \$2 / tire plus trucking. Our regional FCSWMD (solid waste district) made that good pricing possible. Highway department cleared space and both a metal and a bulky waste refuse container have been placed on the site. Franklin County Tech School landscape and electrical classes came to assist for a day and rolled more tires to the road edge and loaded both dumpsters. They hope to return in the next week. The Selectboard authorized Chairman Pruyne to sign a site permit and liability release to allow for environmental drilling to happen. We have \$8000 in our fund for tipping fees and transport and are seeking other grants support for refuse removal expenses. We hope the dumped refuse is the extent of the damage to the site. Based on a review of the site history we will now do actual environmental exploration / drilling

We are negotiating with DOER the state's energy agency about amending our Green Communities Grant funded energy measure at the school. It is for motor drives to be changed to demand ventilation using CO2 levels as marker of occupancy. We want to drop the addition of variable frequency drives (VFDs) because the consultant missed that we don't have three phase power and even though there's a work around, it's not power saving to the grid though it would benefit our electric bill). We also realized that changing the air speed would require varying the air handler speed. No matter what we got an award for a computerize building management system and we have evidence that our further enhancements with CO2 monitoring will add to energy cost savings.

Warwick is fully representing the PV Regional School district with election by write-in of three residents. I am joined by Nathan Swartz and Alan Genovese. Alan was elected vice chair of the school committee. Alan is also chair of the 6 Town planning committee to look at combining with Gill Montague. Selectboard have ratified the local education committee's re-design re-birth timeline. A committee that includes Selectboard member Snell are making progress on the transition agreement with Pioneer which basically says they won't interfere with us (they are not) and on a tuition agreement to the middle and high schools (we are working on details of costing special needs add-on costs). We are being assisted by educational consultant Sue Hollins.

Warwick Broadband Service advises use the 413.676.9544 number. We learned that the former number which does not have a 413-area code is still answering calls and sounds like us. It was. When you phone broadband be sure to use the number with the 413-area code that ends in 9544. The biggest broadband problem aside from "is it plugged in and powered" is router failure. Your router is a gateway that is the

that is the on and off ramp, it is a firewall as it keeps activities from the wider Internet from being able to penetrate your network unless you want and have called for it; and finally the translator between your home network and the wider network . Routers are the most common point of failure. Here is how we test them. We take the wire out of the wireless router that is feeding it Internet on the number one, WAN or Internet port and put it directly into a computer Ethernet port. This is a connection that is absent on about half of modern computers these days so you may not be able to do this at home unless you have a laptop or nearby desktop. Our first step is that simple: if you take the router out of the mix and wire into the computer and it works it is probably the router. Because this is such a common failure point and because we need to help our customers with their router problems because the Internet doesn't work otherwise, we've decided that we will at your option, supply a r outer . That puts us in a position to be working with you on a common platform. These devices we supply are not the highest end in terms of their wireless coverage, but they are powerful and the brand we have chosen across our network. When your router fails give this option some consideration.

In the 1980s faced with the budget crisis that the enactment of prop 2 1/2 caused, the town eliminated most of its streetlights. Recently the dozen or so remaining were converted to LED. There was a minor change to the default aggregation rate (price) which Janice will describe below. I will not as it was highly technical and all I figured out is it did not amount to very much money and it did not make 100% Texas wind more expensive than the utility standard offer.

We are concluding work by the Open Space committee and their FRCOG consultant on our revised Open space plan. In support of this plan the Selectboard signed a letter of support. Chris Duerring and Georg Day are the OSC co-chairs. Our Conservation Commission who are the stewards of the Hockanum conservation property have developed trail improvements. The town was able to help with the funding. Look for their announcement for planned hikes. Both the view and the trail have been improved.

Finally, I am happy to report that our highway crew is at three-man strength as we ready for winter. In recognition that we were not as a town competing in the highway worker wage market, the Finance Committee and Selectboard approved the recommendation of the Highway Commissioners to increase our wages to a base pay of around \$21/ hour.

Update on Electricity Aggregation for Warwick Janice Kurkosky

All Town electric accounts are now enrolled in Dynegy's 100% National Wind option. This benefits all taxpayers because the price is cheaper than what we had been paying with a previous supplier, and cheaper still than NGrid's winter rate.

At your own home, if your current contract with another supplier has expired, or if you opted out of the aggregation program for whatever reason, now is a good time to re-consider making the switch. NGrid's basic price this winter is .12388 cents/kWh. 100% Wind is only .09331.

Starting in January the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection will implement a very small increase in the price for ALL suppliers doing business in MA. This will amount to about 61 cents each month on the avg. elec. bill - a small price to pay for more clean energy, which everyone benefits from.

Mount Grace Events

Join Mount Grace and local wildlife photographer Jeff Blanchard online for a look into our region's breathtaking wildlife through his lens. Register for this Giving Tuesday Zoom presentation at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qTzBtdctQJ6uyOw9ApCPRA

Mindful Guided Outdoor Walk: Join Charlotte Weltzin for a Mindful Guided Outdoor Walk at Eagle Reserve Conservation Area in Royalston on Saturday, December 12th at 1pm. Take the time to step away from the busyness of life and reconnect with nature and yourself. RSVP required.

Library

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8, Saturday 10-12:30
 Contact: warwick@cwmars.org; 544-7866.

Covid operations update: The introduction of limited browsing by appointment during the month of November has gone smoothly, with a modest number of patrons visiting so far. As we go to press, the rising numbers of Covid cases is being watched closely, and the Library continues to encourage online browsing and curbside delivery.

Wowbrary e-newsletter: Contact the Library if you'd like to receive weekly notices of new items available for borrowing.

Christmas in the Colonies - Friday, Dec. 11th @ 6:30 pm (via Zoom): The Lawrence Library will be hosting *Christmas in the Colonies* presented by the Grounded Goodwives. Did you know it used to be illegal in Boston to celebrate Christmas? The Grounded Goodwives will take you back to this fascinating time to celebrate Christmas like a true colonial rebel! To register go to lawrenceli-brary.org. Click on Event Calendar.

Northfield Authors & Artists festival - Monthly (1st Sunday) book discussions: Northfielders are putting together a second "Authors and Artists Festival" on the theme of Honoring Nature for February 27 & 28, 2021—free and online. Between now and the fest, there's a free online reading group: <https://authorsandartistsfestival.wordpress.com/associated-programming/#Read>

New TV Shows: While the Library has consistently been adding new movie titles, I have not added to the TV collection on DVD —until now! Seasons 1 -3 of *Fargo* are now available for borrowing; to be followed soon by *Northern Exposure* and *Poldark* (both personal favorites), and *Monk*. Suggestions on other shows to add are welcome.

New Book about Warwick: "A Town Time Passed By: Warwick Massachusetts" by Harold Wolfson. Mr. Wolfson who last year year authored a modest book recounting some highlights of his recreational sailing life, purchased a second home with his wife Marian in 1978 at 12 Chase Hill Road, which they occupied for 40 years. Warwick had about 400 residents at the time, including some members of the Renaissance Community—which shares a chapter with the Small Church Movement spearheaded by Reverend David Ray. The book consists of recollections of country life, the people the Wolfsons came to know, the house they gradually improved, the garden they maintained, and places they enjoyed, like The Inn, The Library and the Reynolds General Store—where the Sunday *New York Times* could be had.

The book is dedicated to the Library, about which Wolfson writes: "The Library increasingly improved as the residents contributed more and more to its architecture, decor, and collection of books, magazines and movies." Copies of the book are available from the Library. Look for an article on the new book in the *Recorder* the last week of November.

First poll: George Gallup enrolled in the University of Iowa in 1918, played football and became the editor of the *Daily Iowan*. While editor in the early 1920s, he conducted what is widely considered the first poll in human history. He took a survey to find the prettiest girl on the campus. The winner was Ophelia Smith, whom Gallup later married. (Writer's Almanac 11-18-20)

Restaurant Review

Kay's Dairy Bar
196 State Rd W (it's Rt. 2A)
Westminster, MA 01473
(978)-632-7191
<https://kaysdairybar.com/>

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday thru Sunday: 11AM-8PM

Found Kay's to be still open one Sunday afternoon and the place was mobbed. Everyone was masked and waiting patiently at picnic tables outside. The line wasn't too long so we got in the line outside their door. Only 2 people allowed inside at a time to order then you wait outside for your number to be called and pick up at the 'pick up' window. While inside, I asked how long they expected to be open and to my surprise...all year! They are constructing a drive-up area on one side and you will be able to call in your order and pull up to the building and they will bring your food out to you; such a deal for this winter.

It was a warm Sunday afternoon while I was there and we picked a shady picnic table up behind their building in a picnic grove. I had a delicious lobster roll, with French fries and a pickle for \$13.50; couldn't beat the price. My dining companion had a hamburger with French fries and a pickle for \$5.50: wow. They have a wide variety of seafood (Fried and Baked), burgers, hot dogs, soups, sandwiches and of course ice cream.

With the coronavirus spiking again, this will allow you a nice ride to Westminster and the ability to bring your meal home or eat in the privacy of your car. Glad that Kay's is making the best of a sad situation.

Bon Appetite,
Gloria Varno

Warwick Council on Aging

***** ALL EVENTS ARE PENDING BASED ON THE CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES*****

December 1, 2020.

Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held at 1 PM in the school cafeteria. We will be holding the meeting at 1 PM then delivering our fruit baskets to those who are over the age of 80 years old. You have been contacted by Nancy Killhart if you are scheduled for an earlier time to work on the baskets. We have permission to use the cafeteria using the coronavirus guidelines, no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask. And clean the area after our baskets are done.

January 5, 2021

Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held at 1 PM in the school gym. Our presenter will be Beth Gilgun who will discuss Women's clothing in the 1750's. She will be displaying reproduction garments on a mannequin during the discussion using the coronavirus guidelines, no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask.

***** Everyone, please stay safe and healthy *****

Foot Clinic

December 11, , 2020
At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.



B o a r d o f H e a l t h

If anyone has any questions, please call Don Matthews at 978-544-3595, Helen Whipple at 978-544-6838 or Nancy Lyman at 978-544-8229. Winter Meetings are December 16, January 20, February 17 and March 17. The clerk is available from 1-4 on Mondays of meeting weeks.

**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of WARWICK**

DEC 2020

Dear Friends,

"...inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, ⁴¹ you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say ... 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'" Matthew 25: 31-46

We are currently in the Church Season of Advent, a time of preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Christ. It was originally intended to be a time of quiet preparation; instead, we have made it into one of the most hectic times of the year, but not this year. This year is different. It could be that we have so hyper-commercialized this time of year, made it such an anxiety ridden season that we needed something outside our control to make us decompress from the usual over consumption and indulgence.

This past month, we have been reading, each Sunday, from the Gospel of Matthew as Jesus was preparing his followers about the need to be awake and aware, to be prepared and to persist in living with righteousness (but not self-righteousness) as they await the coming of God's kingdom in the world; being prepared in advance so when the time comes, the transition from waiting to acting is as seamless as possible.

I recently heard an interview with three people talking about the impending vaccine and the processes involved in getting it developed, distributed and administered. The theme was advance preparation. One interviewee talked at some length about the processes involved in research and development and being ready to follow leads quickly as a process appeared to be productive; would there be enough vials, enough processing equipment, enough scientists and technicians? Another talked about all the steps that needed to be in place once the vaccine was ready to be produced on a large scale; where are the production facilities located? What transportation structures would need to be in place? What local facilities would be needed to store and distribute the vaccine? Some vaccines need specialized refrigeration, how would that be coordinated? Would there be enough boxes for shipping, enough bags to protect the sterility, enough trucks, trains and planes to begin shipments, not just nationwide, but worldwide? And the last interviewee talked about the logistics at the local level; who would be trained to determine who the first recipients would be in their area? Who would be prepared to administer the vaccines? Would there be enough syringes, enough PPE, enough antiseptic wipes and bandages? Advance preparation is critical.

That is just what Jesus was telling his followers; don't wait until a crisis is upon you, prepare so that when the need arises, you are already doing what you will need to be doing. And what needs doing, in Jesus' teachings, is caring for others as you would care for yourself or your own loved ones. Learn from the past what actions promoted healing and practice that healing until it becomes a life enriching habit.

This time of Covid disruption is a good time to begin sorting through what "traditions" have outlived their usefulness and what customs and practices to continue or develop. Which holiday activities have lost meaning? Which ones, that you can't do this year, will you really miss and which will be a relief to miss? Which are joyless and which are joy-full? Which are mere self-indulgence and which truly enhance community wellbeing?

Jesus was not a protector of the status quo. Even before he was born, his mother celebrated the hope of God's child overturning the old hierarchies of oppression and ushering in a new chapter in human history. Disruptions are not always bad; sometimes they are needed to allow something new to grow. This Christmas, look for the new to take root and be prepared to nurture what is good and loving in your life and the life of the community and the world.

In hopeful faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

CoCovid 19 numbers are once again rising around the area so we are not planning on the usual gatherings and events. No Hunters Supper and no Advent Workshop in the Town Hall. No Christmas Eve Service in the Chapel. We are looking for ways to do some of these things in a "virtual" way. We have not yet solidified these new events yet but we will be sending out a Christmas letter soon, so keep watching your snail mail box as well as your email in-box.

One event we have scheduled is putting up a Christmas tree outside at the Chapel on Sunday, Dec 20 and having hot cocoa outside (weather permitting).

Guided Advent Reflections/Meditations

We will begin our Advent Reflection series on Sunday, Nov 29 at 7 PM to be followed by three more Wednesday night programs (12/2, 12/9, 12/16) at 7 PM. We hope to be able to gather a few in the Chapel as well as via ZOOM. If you are not currently on the church ZOOM list and would like to be sent a ZOOM invitation for Sunday worship or the Advent series, please send Dan a request and we will gladly add you.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FREE FOOD AT THE CHAPEL starts at 10 AM Fridays.

The food that comes on Friday, thanks to Cliff Fournier and others, usually includes frozen meats as well as bakery goods and produce, so come check it out. We don't close up until around 5 PM, but the selection is always best early.

As the weather begins to close in on winter, we will be trying to make arrangements to continue in a safe and accessible manner.

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 LIBRAR *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 *There is a box in the front hall of the Chapel for these items for the Franklin Emergency Shelter in Greenfield.*

School Planning Update

In July town residents voted to leave the Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD), as soon as feasible. Since then town officials have met several times with district representatives. Progress has been towards establishing a tuition agreement whereby Warwick students in grades 7-12 will continue to attend the Pioneer junior and senior high school.

At the same time, the Warwick Education Committee has started projects and begun planning for the re-opening of the town's elementary school. Below is a statement describing the program being developed for Warwick's younger children. In September of 2021, the town will be submitting a detailed educational plan to the state for approval to re-start the school in the fall of 2022. The proposal will draw on many years of top-notch education at the Warwick Community school and the extensive Horace Mann II prospectus developed in the past year.

What is new since July is that committee members have been:

- designing a school yard to function as an outdoor classroom
- developing marked forest trails in town for use by the school's children and community members
- setting up and running a home-school cooperative for area children who choose not to be bused to Northfield for elementary education
- initiating consultations with regional colleges and schools on innovative curriculum methods and partnership options
- initiating consultations with other towns and schools on implementing an administrative approach that would meet the town's needs and budget

In order for the school to re-open we need to generate a loud "chorus of support" from legislators, educational leaders, organizations, businesses, active partners and area residents. Warwick Selectboard members and PVRSD School Committee members are actively involved with the 13-member Education Committee. So are parents, current and former educators. But we need much more help to turn this vision into a reality. We need you to talk our plan up with people you know, sign-up for our upcoming newsletter, join in a specific task. And, yes, donations and grants will be sought for projects like building an outdoor pavilion. Stay tuned for updates. For questions or to follow-up please contact: Tom Wyatt 413-768-8641 tomwyattphoto@gmail.com or Adam Holloway 978-501-0609 aholloway01@hotmail.com

Warwick, Massachusetts plans to reopen its rural elementary school in 2022 with a new emphasis on place-based learning – a blend of environmental study and community engagement. The curriculum will integrate Science, Technology, English, Arts and Math instruction (STEAM). The 25-acre schoolyard is being re-designed to serve as an outdoor classroom - with a pavilion, amphitheater, gardens, and marked forest trails to study the site's many natural features. Active community involvement will include governance, multi-generational programs, and civic learning. Partnerships are being sought to expand youth programs, social diversity, and rural school support. Our goal: youth education that yields confident, curious, lifelong learners.

Warwick: committed to educating Warwick youth in town since 1768.



WARWICK
Western Massachusetts Community
Mutual Aid

Dear Warwickians,

Our local and regional communities' need for accessible food has grown over the past months. Recently, as part of Monte's March, an annual fundraiser combatting food insecurity in Western Mass, the Warwick Walkers raised over \$5500 for The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts—an organization with whom we are hoping to establish a partnership. The anticipated timeline for the application process is at least six months. They are working to move applications along as quickly as possible, and in the meantime, we will continue to source surplus produce and grocery items wherever they can be found!

As always, if you need assistance or wish to volunteer in some capacity, please call, text, or email us at (978) 633-5323 or warwickmutualaid@gmail.com.

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- * • Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



* Only handle mask by the ear hooks!

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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Holiday Recycling Guidelines

During the holiday season, the average American family increases household trash volume by over 25% ([US EPA](#)). A large portion of this trash could be avoided, reused, recycled, or composted. Reducing holiday waste can help your household save money on "Pay As You Throw" town trash stickers or bags, save money for your town, and reduce your carbon footprint.

Yes, please DO RECYCLE these:

gift wrap, tissue paper (no foil, metallic inks, or glitter.) Tape is OK.
 paper gift bags and shopping bags

greeting cards (except those with foil, glitter, or batteries)
 envelopes (plastic windows are OK)
 catalogs, calendars
 cardboard: corrugated, paperboard

No, please DO NOT recycle:

ribbons, bows, tinsel (reuse or trash)
 holiday light strings (acceptable in scrap metal recycling)
 Christmas tree netting
 bubble wrap, packing peanuts, polystyrene (Styrofoam) (clean packing materials accepted for reuse at Greenfield UPS Store)
 plastic bags (clean, dry plastic bags marked #2 or #4 accepted in retail store programs)
 plastic "blister pack" packaging (i.e. from toys and electronics)
 photographs (traditional, glossy type)


To learn more about recycling in our region, please visit springfieldmrf.org. (For a downloadable guide to Recycling on the Holidays, click on "What's Recyclable?")

Another way to reduce holiday trash is by composting food and paper waste generated by holiday meals. The municipal compost programs at the transfer stations in Bernardston, Conway, Deerfield, Greenfield (open to non-residents), Leverett, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Wendell, and Whately accept all types of food waste (no liquids), including meat, bones, cheese, plus paper waste such as paper napkins, paper towels, and more. Free; permits may be required.

The Solid Waste District sells discounted "Earth Machine" home compost bins and compost pails to District residents. It is not recommended to put meat, bones, dairy in home compost bins. For more details and pricing (varies by town), contact us or see: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/compostbinsales.html

Sandy Renna Woodturning

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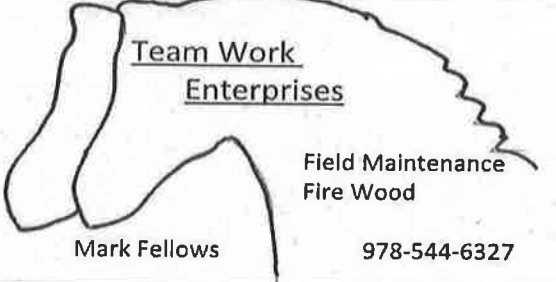
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6 <i>Worship Service 10:00</i>	7 <i>Library 10-4</i>	8 <i>Library 1-8pm</i>	9	10 <i>Library 5-8pm</i>	11 <i>Foot Clinic</i> <i>Christmas in the Colonies 6:30 via Zoom</i>	12 <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library 10-12:30</i> <i>Mount Grace Walk RSVP Required</i>
13 <i>Worship Service 10:00</i>	14 <i>Library 10-4</i>	15 <i>Library 1-8pm</i>	16	17 <i>Library 5-8pm</i>	18	19 <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library 10-12:30</i>
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