

Warwick Community Newsletter

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www.warwickma.org is the Town's website. Along with things like *Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours, News from the Library*, you can find this newsletter and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at elemon@tiac.net.

W o m e n ' s G u i l d

- March 10, 2020 Due to the election on March 3rd, the Warwick Women's Guild monthly meeting has been rescheduled to March 10th at 1:15 PM. Our guest speakers will be Jim Toth and Clyde Perkins, Jr. from our Cemetery Commission and they will discuss how to clean a cemetery marker. All are invited to attend. Following the discussion, we will hold our regular monthly meeting.
- April 7, 2020 Join Robin Putnam, from the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation for an informative presentation on how to spot and avoid scams, how to prevent identity theft if your identity is compromised. All are welcome to attend. Presentation begins at 1:15 PM. Following the discussion, we will hold our regular monthly meeting.

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

The Board of Health is now back to their winter schedule of one meeting per month.

March 18

The BOH clerk is available in the office from 1-4 pm on the Mondays of the weeks of the Wednesday meetings.

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

The COA Foot Clinic Dates

March 13, 2020	June 12, 2020	September 11, 2020	December 11, 2020
April 10, 2020	July 10, 2020	October 9, 2020	
May 8, 2020	August 14, 2020	November 13, 2020	

At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.



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. 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 1st or 2nd 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.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at Town Hall Tuesday March 17 from 10:00 AM until Noon. Stop by if you need help with health insurance or to talk about available program. Contact her, 978-544-3481 or @townoforange.org, she will be bringing application forms.

Warwick Historical Society

The Warwick Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for our business meeting with refreshments to follow.

Restaurant Review

The Old Mill

69 State Road East (Route 2A)

Westminster, MA 01473 978-874-5941

Lunch is Served:

11:30am - 3:30pm (Tuesday-Saturday)

Dinner is Served:

4:00pm - 9:15pm (Tuesday - Thursday)

4:00pm - 9:45pm (Friday-Saturday)

12:00 noon - 8:00pm (Sunday)

Sunday Brunch is Served: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Last year I reviewed The Old Mill and their luncheon specials. Today, I'd like to recommend their Sunday Brunch which runs from 10 AM to 2 PM. Both breakfast and lunch items galore all for \$21.99 per person.

On the line, I found a salad bowl with all the necessary ingredients, followed by breakfast items, such as scrambled eggs with and without ham, peppers, etc., bacon, sausage, their famous corn fritters and pecan rolls, french toast, waffles and blueberry blintz crepes with maple syrup, strawberry and blueberry toppings. Then it was on to the luncheon items, steak tips, baked haddock, baked chicken in tomatoes, lasagna, mashed potatoes, squash, rolls and butter. Then on the carving station they had roast beef and ham. Another table contained juices and fresh fruit. The dessert table was covered with mini pastries and then strawberry shortcake and apple crisp on another table. So much food.

Now the opinions. I had the plain scrambled eggs, bacon, corn fritters, pecan roll, french toast, which were all good. Especially their corn fritters and pecan rolls! Then I went back for lunch, mashed potato (very creamy), steak tips (slightly tough), roast beef (very tough), ham (tender and juicy) and baked haddock (the best). The min desserts were OK but they were out of biscuits for the strawberry shortcake which I really wanted.

Oh and of course, a mimosa or wine are included in the price. I had a mimosa which was very potent. My niece and friend had plain juice and thought it was a mimosa because it was strong. And of course coffee and tea are included also.

After our brunch and finished chatting, we headed downstairs to the gift shop. Then a walk outside to watch the ducks in the pond. A pleasant Sunday with family and friends with breakfast and lunch combined!

Enjoy and Bon Appetite.

Gloria Varno

Library

Things You Learn When You Write The Dictionary - Thursday, March 19th @ 7 pm:

While The Dictionary is frequently called upon to justify positions and settle debates, most people know relatively little about how dictionaries are made and what their aims are. Join Merriam-Webster Senior Editor Emily Brewster for a peek into a lexicographer's view of The Dictionary. We'll discuss language change, annoying words, and just how it is that a term like "chillax" comes to qualify for dictionary entry.

***Bend it Like Beckham* - film screening Friday, March 20th @ 7pm:** In this 2002 British family romantic comedy sports film, Jess Bhamra (Parminder Nagra), the daughter of a strict Indian couple in London, is not permitted to play organized soccer, even though she is 18. When Jess is playing for fun one day, her impressive skills are seen by Jules Paxton (Keira Knightley), who then convinces Jess to play for her semi-pro team. Jess uses elaborate excuses to hide her matches from her family while also dealing with her romantic feelings for her coach, Joe. The Rotten Tomatoes consensus states, "Inspiring, compassionate, and with a sly undercurrent of social commentary, *Bend It Like Beckham* is a lively feel-good movie that genuinely charms." Rated PG-13, "no frightening or intense scenes" (kids-in-mind.com).

Meet with a Trial Court judge - date TBA: March is National Judicial Outreach Month, and we're waiting to hear back from the Massachusetts Trial Court on a date for a library visit. Learn about the work of the third branch of government directly from a judge who addresses a variety of challenging matters presented to the courts on a daily basis.

Community Read - *Braiding Sweetgrass*: Following up on last year's successful "Libraries in the Woods" program (*The Stranger in the Woods*), even more area libraries (25!) are participating in this year's Community Read of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This acclaimed non-fiction treatment of "indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the teaching of plants" has been blowing people away since being published in 2013--and just recently joined *The New York Times* Bestsellers List! Kimmerer is Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (Oklahoma), and discusses plants and botany from both the Western scientific and Native American traditions.

A printed calendar of book-related events by all the towns during March and April will be available at the Library. Warwick events include an April 28th presentation and discussion with invited guests, and a June 10th discussion by Warwick's Book Club. (Rather than buy a bunch of books for one-time use, Warwick Library will borrow books from another Library at the end of April for loan between then and June 10th).

Climate Resilience Hub: I'm pleased to report the Warwick Library has joined the "Communities Responding to Extreme Weather" (CREW) program as a climate resilience hub. CREW (climatecrew.org) is a network of local leaders building grassroots climate resilience through inclusive and hands-on education, service and planning. As a Hub, the Library will share educational resources and consider other possible services/actions, in cooperation with other local/town entities. I've discussed this opportunity with several town residents active in climate-related issues, and all are supportive of this new effort. During the Mass Library System's recent CREW webinar, Madeleine Charney of UMass Amherst Libraries reported that in 2019, the American Library Association (ALA) passed a resolution called "Sustainability as a core value of librarianship." Watch for a new display, and further news, at the Library in the spring.

Limited time free passes to Peabody Essex Museum (Salem, MA): This nationally renowned museum is offering complimentary admission through April 26th, in support of their "Jacob Lawrence: The American Struggle" exhibit. The exhibit reunites, for the first time in more than 60 years, the 30 paintings comprising his epic series, *Struggle: from the History of the American People*. Lawrence spent five years researching American history at the 135th Street Branch of the New York Public Library, and called the public library in the Harlem neighborhood where he grew up "one of my favorite places to go." Pick up a pass at the Library, good for free admission for two adults.

EBT Card to Culture program discounts: This statewide program offers varying discounts to museums and other cultural institutions. View the online list, by region, at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ebt-card-to-culture-organizations>. Some discounts also apply to WIC and/or ConnectorCare. For example, the Worcester Art Museum's adult admission, normally \$18, is free to members of all these programs.

"Bad-Ass Librarians": "Another emerging Timbuktu collector, Ismail Diadjie Haidara, was the direct descendant of a famed Moorish scholar who had fled Toledo in Spain with his entire library in 1469, married the elder sister of King Askia Mohammed, and established the first library in Gao [Mali]. It was a lending library, like modern ones, with margin notes declaring that 'Mr. X has borrowed this book,' Haidara recalled. Haidara initiated a search to track down the volumes, and raised funds from Spain to create Timbuktu's Biblioteque Fondo Kati. The 7,028 manuscripts included accounts of the lives of Christians and Jews in the Songhai Empire; the buying and selling of slaves; and the commerce of books, salt, gold, fabrics, spices, and cola nuts. There were books that originated along the Niger annotated by the learned men of Timbuktu and Djenne. Others had come to Mali from across the Middle East, margins filled with the musings of ages from Cordoba, Granada, Fez, Marrakesh, Tripoli, Cairo, and Baghdad." (From *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts*, by Joshua Hammer, 2016.)

Watch live panda cam: Tired of watching politics? Listen to the birds chirping and watch the giant panda and cubs lolling around, chewing on bamboo. Peace! Watch here: https://earthsky.org/earth/live-streaming-giant-panda?utm_source=EarthSky+News&utm_campaign=33f8efdd2f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_02_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c643945d79-33f8efdd2f-394607373

Recent additions to the Library Collection: on our web page.
Best - Ivan

RECREATION COMMITTEE

YOGA with Kalliope Kalombratsos, Wednesdays 5:00 pm 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.

ZUMBA with Susan Krieger, Tuesday 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 with Christine Rouleau, Sunday 8am Boiler Room Tully

Dance fitness performed to energetic music; hip hop, samba, salsa, mambo, Brazilian funk and country! \$5

BASKETBALL at the school gymnasium on Friday nights from 7-9

Open to all, could be just shooting some hoops or a game. At the request of the school to help protect the floor; Please bring water only, and a clean pair of indoor shoes to change into. Children must be supervised.

WALKING the school gymnasium is available to any one needing a dry warm space to walk.

Monday, Thursday and Fridays 10am -11:15

Please park in lower lot. (first on left) Press button at main entrance and office staff will open door.

To protect floor please bring clean walking shoes to change into, drinking water only.

Coordinator for March Newsletter—David Young

Selectboard has called a Special Town Meeting to be held at Town Hall MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting is needed to set the stage for our upcoming meeting with the state about keeping our elementary school open. Leyden and Bernardston Selectboard's have written the Commissioner to urge closing Warwick Community School. Article 1 if passed is Warwick's first step to leaving Pioneer District at the elementary grades level. Article 2 says we are angry and not crazy, and we pay our bills. Recall Town Meeting unanimously voted not to fund the Superintendent five-year contract. Since the contract is in force despite our efforts, we realize we must pay our share, and this provides the needed funding. Article 3 makes real our town's willingness to cover some of the extra costs associated with our being such a small school. If it passes, we can say to the Commissioner, revise the PV budget to reflect this added funding. Revise the PV budget that is already in balance and does not close Warwick; and instead already has Warwick open next year as part of the budget. We get to sweeten the situation for the other member towns or District. The final Article, Number 4 is housekeeping and allows us to pay some bills that were overlooked from a prior year using money already in departments budgets. We just need permission on this one.

We are not specific about the source of funds in 2 and 3. If our free cash is certified by the date of the meeting, we will move to expend from that revenue by simple majority vote. Otherwise, the source of funds proposed will be the Stabilization Fund which requires a 2/3 vote. We will expend from Stabilization Fund with the expectation that we will restore this savings account balance at the Annual Town Meeting in May from free cash. Following are the articles:

ARTICLE 1: Whereas the Town of Warwick entered into a contract for regional grade K-12 education services with the towns of Leyden, Northfield, and Bernardston, and whereas the signed and binding contract between the towns clearly left the K-6 elementary education of Warwick children in Warwick, and whereas the residents of Warwick have built a beautiful school for its children in Warwick, and whereas it was not part of the regional contract agreement for the other member towns or District to decide the future of elementary education in Warwick, and in light of this breach of commitment and contract, shall the voters of Warwick withdraw K-6 elementary education for Warwick children from involvement with the PVRSD agreement and engage in an agreement that aligns with Warwick's commitment to educating Warwick children in its Warwick elementary school and direct its Selectboard and Education Advisory Committee to pursue these alternatives or take other action related thereto?

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,349 for the Pioneer Regional School District FY20 assessment, or take other action related thereto?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000, to be under the control of the Selectboard, to provide supplemental FY21 elementary appropriation to augment or equalize PVRSD WCS operating expense; or take any other action related thereto?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the town authorize payment of \$526 of prior fiscal year bills from vendor C2.Energy payable from the respective current year departmental operating budgets expense appropriation; or take other action related thereto? (90% vote required to pay a prior year bill)

T O W N C L E R K

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Annual Town Election: Monday, May 18, 2020 Polls Open: 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers: Friday, March 27, 2020

Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers for Certification: **Monday, March 30, 2020**

Last Day to Object or Withdraw: **Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

Last Day to Register Voters for ATM and AT Election: **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

Number of Signatures Required on Nomination Papers: **20**

Note: if you want your name to be certified on a nomination form or a petition your signature needs to be legible. If it is not legible it will not be counted. You can also print your name beside your signature if it is illegible.

<u>Office and Length of Term</u>		<u>Incumbent</u>
SELECTMAN	3 years	James Erviti
ASSESSOR	3 years	Anne Kendall
BOARD of HEALTH	3 years	Helen Whipple
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	3 years	
CONSTABLE	3 years	Brian Peters
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years	Elaine Reardon
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	1 year to fill vacancy	Nadia Woodson Marti
MODERATOR	1 year	David Koester
TOWN CLERK	3 years	
TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER	3 years	David Koester
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER	1 year	David Lambert
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER	2 years	Kevin Alden
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER	3 years	Robert Croke

Helen Whipple – Candidate for re-election to the Board of Health.

I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Health. I have enjoyed working with townspeople who needed our services. I believe that we have been impartial and willing to share information ahead of time to avoid unnecessary delays. I have also developed a relationship with local contractors and engineers that makes things go smoothly. I have worked for the town for over 40 years in various capacities and I still have the energy and knowledge needed to continue this service. My nomination papers will be at the Library and I would appreciate it if you would sign my nomination papers and if I am a candidate, I will appreciate your vote in the election.

Warwick Scholarship Committee

A. George Day, Jr.

The Warwick Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the scholarship awards for 2020. Students who have been accepted as a full time student in an accredited post-secondary school and have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more are eligible.

- (Article 11 Eligibility)
- a. The applicant must have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more preceding application.
 - b. Seniors in the graduating class at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, other secondary schools and home-schooled students are eligible.
 - c. Students in Accredited Post-secondary schools are eligible.
 - d. A student is limited to two scholarships awards from the Warwick Community Committee, either from the Warwick Community Scholarship fund or the Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship fund.
 - e. The Anita L. Pike Memorial scholarship is awarded to the Warwick graduating senior from Pioneer Valley Regional School with the highest scholastic going on to college.

Application forms and current by-laws are available at the guidance department of Pioneer Valley Regional School or at the Warwick Public Library. Applications must be received prior to April 15th. The application form can be sent to any committee member.

Scholarship Committee Members

A. George Day, Jr.	Warwick Firemen's Association
Joseph Paul	Warwick Firemen's Association
Kathy Connelly	Trinitarian Congregational Church
Amber Holloway	Warwick PTO
Linda Gale	Women's Auxiliary to Fire Dept.
Arline (Lincoln) Vanderstelt	First Parish and Religious Society
Martha Morse	Warwick Historical Society
Carol Foote	Warwick Women's Guild

The Warwick Scholarship Fund received a very generous donation of \$1500.00 from a town citizen during this past year. We will be most appreciative of any donations to our fund.



Wooden Fender Winter Concert Series

Wooden Fender Concert Series

If you had asked us after last year's crowded and wildly successful Pizza Blues Night if we thought we could do a repeat performance with only one functioning oven in the Town Hall kitchen, we would have said, "Heck, no!" And yet, heck yes, we did! We defied the Gods and beat the odds, and by golly, we fed well over 75 hungry pizza lovers! Thank you if you came to eat, helped us serve, baked desserts, cleaned up, or simply came to listen and dance. We send an extra special thank you to Gail for bringing much-loved Copper Angel pizza recipes back to our town. And a bumper crop of Wooden Fender thanks to **The Barrett Anderson Band** for bringing so much joy to a packed house and keeping the Town Hall dance floor lit up and firing on all cylinders. Let us also raise a toast to the memory of Jeff Wallace for starting this enduring music tradition all those years ago. What a wonderful way to warm up on a cold wintry Warwick night!

Don't miss the next Dinner and Concert – Saturday, March 21st 6 pm, Warwick Town Hall

This year, the Trinitarian Congregational Church's St. Patrick's Day feast will be followed by **The Green Sisters at 7 pm**. Hailing from a small farm in rural Massachusetts, the four Green Sisters were raised with music accompanying their chores. Their sound spans a wide range of bluegrass, barbershop, blues, country, and lots of original songs which fit right into the mix. This joyful quartet has been playing venues in New England regularly for the past several years and has garnered quite the following; it's hard not to smile when treated with their tight harmonies and high energy tunes. A Green Sisters' live show is where they really shine, bouncing jovial banter around the stage as only siblings can and swapping instruments as only talented musicians can. Come see and hear for yourself. We know you'll enjoy the show! Check out their website for more information. <https://thegreensistersfour.com/music>



This music event is sponsored by the Warwick Arts Council with grant funds from the Warwick Cultural Council, our local chapter of the Mass Cultural Council.

Mark your calendars:

March 21: **The Green Sisters**, Trinitarian Congregational Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner

April 18: **No Lens**, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Rasta Pasta Lasagna Dinner

At 6:00 PM the Trinitarian Congregational Church will be serving their famous St. Patrick's Day Dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, dessert, and beverage. Adults \$12, Children 12 and under \$6, Children under age 3 Free.

At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Please come and help support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor - in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick. Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council.

Green Corner

The Average American CO₂ Footprint

Last Green Corner article recap: The USA is #2 for emissions on a yearly basis, in the top five on a per person basis, and is #1 on a historical basis. If we are looking for what country shoulders the most responsibility for the excess CO₂, it is the USA.

The “Average American CO₂ Footprint” (AACO₂F) is 19.8 tons per year per capita. This is 108 lbs a day! Looking at the above graph we see that “Home Energy Use” is responsible for 27% of the AACO₂F. Typically, “Home Energy Use” is comprised of heating, cooling, hot water, cooking and electrical loads.

To reduce CO₂ from energy use in your home, fill out an on-line “Home energy assessment” at Mass Save: <https://www.masssave.com/> and follow through with an “Energy Audit”. For more information, revisit the green corner article that I wrote two months ago titled “Who or What is Responsible for the CO₂ in our Atmosphere?”. Even if you don't believe all the CO₂ we are producing is causing climate change, you could just get the work done that was identified in an Energy Audit and save money on your energy bill.

Peter Drucker, a writer and management consultant who was nicknamed the Father of Modern Management, said “If you can't measure it, you can't manage it”.

If you want to calculate your CO₂ footprint do an internet search for “calculate my carbon footprint”. Choose one that calculates and gives you ideas on how to reduce it. Below are a couple of sites that may be helpful to you.

<https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>

<https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>

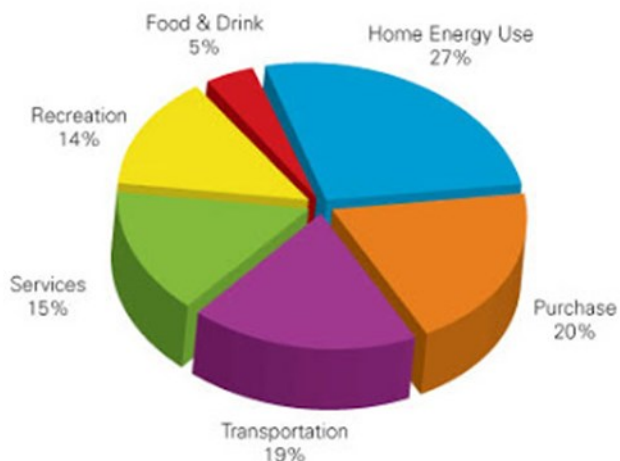
<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/carbon-footprint-calculator/>

Remember that age old saying, “Talk is cheap”. After you perform an energy assessment, get an energy audit or calculate your carbon footprint, “Take Action”.

Steve Kurkoski

1 Graph, University of Colorado, Boulder

2 theguardian.com



Help Make Sure Everyone Counts in Our Community
Coming Soon! The 2020 U.S. Census is safe, easy and important.

Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts every person living in the United States. In mid-March every household in town will get an invitation to complete the 2020 U.S. Census. Most households will receive the invitation by mail, some households will have it hand-delivered. If no one from the household has responded by mid-April, you will be mailed a paper copy of the questionnaire to complete and mail back. If there is no response by late April, an official Census-taker may visit the household to complete the questionnaire in person.

The questionnaire is short and it takes just a few minutes to complete. The information gathered in the U.S. Census is safe and confidential. Only names and birth dates are collected, no one will be asked for Social Security numbers or bank or credit card information.

The U.S. Census impacts our community in two main ways: representation and money. The population count will be used to determine political representation at the state and national level. The count also helps determine how much federal and state money comes to our community to help pay for education, roads, transportation, housing, health care, and more. If we don't get an accurate count, our community will not receive the money needed to pay for crucial services each year for the next ten years!

Want to learn more? Visit <https://2020census.gov/>

Need help getting online to complete the 2020 Census? Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be set up in March at locations across the county. The list of Centers will be posted online at <https://frcog.org/publication/view/census-2020-preparation/> and shared with your local library, senior center, or town hall in March.

Experience the Holy Land

Did you know that "the valley of the shadow of death" is a real place in Israel? Did you know that the Sea of Galilee is not a sea at all, but just a lake? Did you know that many places where Jesus worked miracles are still there today? Did you know Jesus and his disciples walked a mile from where they ate the Last Supper to where Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane (and a mile back to the home of Caiaphas), and the stairs they used are still visible today? Join us to experience all of this (and much more) on Sunday, March 1, at 10:00am, at the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick (Metcalf Chapel), 28 Athol Road, in a slide presentation narrated by the Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Ellis. Entitled "A Lenten Journey to the Holy Land," this program created by Gordon and Diane Ellis will use pictures and sounds from Gordon's two trips to Israel and Jordan to present stories and events from the life and ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, set in their original context. The worship experience, also led by Ellis, will also offer singing, prayers, The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and a blessing by anointing. All are welcome. In fact, no matter who you are or where you are on your life journey, you are always welcome at the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick.

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of WARWICK

MARCH 2020

Dear Friends,

More than 50 years ago, Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr. began organizing the Poor Peoples' Campaign just before he was assassinated. Rev Dr William J Barber II and Rev Dr Liz Theoharis have now revived the campaign and are organizing a Poor Peoples' March on Washington DC, June 20, 2020. 50 plus years and where have we come as a society?

When I was in high school, my family moved to Crown Point, IN, just south of Gary, IN. Crown Point was the county seat and was populated to a large extent by the supervisors, union leaders and shift leaders of the steel mills, chemical plants, oil terminals and animal processing plants that lined the bottom of Lake Michigan. North of Crown Point, the white mill workers' families lived and north of them, on the other side of the six or seven train tracks, lived the families of the black workers. Crown Point was a fairly pleasant place to live; neighborhoods were neat and clean, schools were relatively modern and well supplied, the air was, most of the time, fairly clean and not too smelly. The further north you drove, the more impoverished the neighborhoods, the smellier the air and the less well-funded the schools. Once you crossed the railroad tracks, the pavement and sidewalks were coated with the grit from the steel mills and the greasy, oily, toxic pollutants from the other industries that provided employment for the whole area. There were no visible signs, walls or barriers between these areas, but "if you know what's good for you, you know where you belong." This was in the mid to late '60's, a time of social upheaval led by the youth of the "Baby Boom" generation. Change was in the air. We were going to abolish racism. We were going to establish equality of races and genders. We were going to eradicate poverty. Religious and secular leaders were cooperating with the youth and politicians to produce legislation covering civil rights, air and water pollution and voting rights.

50 plus years after Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr, 2,000 plus years after Jesus, where are we now? Jesus gathered around himself the poor, the rejected and vilified people of his society with a gospel of good news; "... and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.'*" (Luke 4) He went on, irritating the religious hierarchy of his day, but when he upset the tables of the money changers in the Temple, and mocked the military might of Rome, he had to be eliminated. As long as Rev Dr King was just talking about racial issues, he too was barely tolerable, but when he began talking about the financial structure of society, and challenging the military establishment, he was assassinated.

"*Good news to the poor?*" We live with a homeless crisis; many veterans who made great sacrifices for their country are now homeless because the incentives to build low-cost housing have evaporated. Now the incentives favor building luxury homes and apartments. "*Release to the captives?*" We have private, for-profit prison systems that have gotten legislation in place to guarantee them prisoners; essentially slave labor? Where do those prisoners come from? Not from among the wealthy. "*Set at liberty those who are oppressed?*" We have walls being erected between "us", the good law-abiding citizens, and "them", the poor and oppressed; prison walls, border walls and walled communities. "*To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord?*" People of color distrust the increasingly militarized police, making interactions more dangerous for both.

In Jesus' day, the Temple leadership cooperated with the occupying Roman military to keep "peace" through strict adherence to the purity and Sabbath laws. Jesus broke both and said, "*woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God...*" (Luke 11) Today, predominately white, male evangelical leaders denounce abortion to justify the support of morally ambiguous, draconian measures that maintain the status quo. Would Jesus say, "*Well done good and faithful servant*", or "*Woe ...for you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.*"? I am guessing the latter and I am challenged to hold myself to the same ethic.

The Poor Peoples' Campaign is a "national call for moral revival". I am hopeful there will be many buses going to the June 20 march from this area. I hope there will be many from Warwick on them.

In hopeful faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 AM

WE ARE OPEN AND AFFIRMING ALL ARE WELCOME

LENTEN PROGRAMS

LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LANDS 10 AM Mar 1

Rev Dr Gordon Ellis has taken two trips to the Holy Land of Israel and Palestine and on SUNDAY, MARCH 1, he will be presenting slides from those trips as part of the regular first Sunday communion worship service. All are more than welcome.

WED NITE AT THE MOVIES - **Mar 11** "The Soloist", **Mar 25**, "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter....and Spring" and **Apr 8**, "Babbette's Feast" will be shown, **FREE**, in the Metcalf Chapel at 6:30 PM. These are powerful, hopeful and beautiful productions that highlight the power of love and perseverance. All are welcome to watch the movies and leave right after, or stay and talk about them with other viewers.

DISCERNING OUR CALL AS A CHURCH - Sunday Mar 15 & Mar 29 11:30 AM.

We will discuss what our calling as a Christian Church means in terms of where our money is invested, what we could do with that money in our community, what we could be doing to reduce our impact on the climate, what we could do to promote and support community resiliency in extreme weather conditions.

EARTH DAY RELATED PROGRAMS

SATURDAY MARCH 28 6:30 PM in the Warwick Town Hall

"The Need to Grow" is a film that documents the struggles of three individuals as they try to address the intertwined issues of feeding the poor while feeding the soil, creating ways that mitigate or reduce the human impact of food and energy production on the atmosphere and holding large social organizations to high standards of ethical behavior.

EARTH DAY WED APRIL 22 6:30 PM in the Metcalf Chapel

"The Time of the Sixth Sun" is an "inspiring and uplifting documentary film about the shift in the global consciousness and the emerging movement to find a new way to walk more lightly on this earth."

THE POOR PEOPLES' MARCH ON WASHINGTON, DC SAT JUNE 20

Keep watching for further details.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

6:00 pm Saturday March 21, 2020

Warwick Town Hall

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes,
Bread/Rolls, Dessert and Beverage
Vegetarian option available

Adults \$12.00 Children 12 and under \$6.00 Under 3 Free

Proceeds Benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick



The Green Sisters

7:00 pm Saturday March 21st 2020 at the Warwick Town Hall

Bluegrass ~ Barbershop ~ Blues ~ Country ~ and More

Mel on bass, Betsy on fiddle, Brie on guitar, and Beck on mandolin.

Head to Town Hall and let The Green Sisters put a smile on your face and spring in your step!



This music event is sponsored by the Warwick Arts Council with grant funds from the Warwick Cultural Council, our local chapter of the Mass Cultural Council.



Improv Club: Begins January 31 for Grades 3-6, runs Fridays thru March 13

Lego Club: Begins January 31 for Grades 1-4, runs Fridays thru March 13

PTO Meeting: Monday, March 2 at 3:15pm

October Storm Make-Up Day: March 13 (8:40-1:45pm)

PTO Family Swim at the Athol YMCA: March 15 12:15-2:30pm

Literacy Night and Book Fair: March 25 5:00-6:30pm

Notes from the Principal's Office

Thank you to all of the members of the community who have reached out to me and spent time talking and brainstorming around the possibility of moving our students and staff to NES for the fall. No decision has come from DESE's Commissioner Riley regarding our closure at this time and we are continuing on at WCS just as we normally would. However, your concern and support are much appreciated during this trying time. Thank you!

On a much happier note, our after school clubs have really taken off! We are enjoying Improv Club and Lego Club on Friday afternoons. We are looking forward to another two sessions of Clay Club with Janice Starmer where we will create beautiful tiles to line the hallways of WCS. There is also a Mindfulness Club with Tracey Alden beginning after Improv and Lego club come to a close in late March. Look for notices and registration papers coming soon. We'd love to get a few parent volunteers to help with these clubs. It's going to be a busy spring thanks to all of these dedicated community members!

Classroom Happenings

First and Second Grade ~ Ms. Heather Willey

February is sure to fly by in the First and Second Grade Classroom. We have been welcoming different instruments into our classroom over the school year to brighten up our meetings and activities and this month we have welcomed "Marimba"! Marimba might prove to be a favorite classroom instrument... First and Second Graders have been sweetening the air with this new guest instrument during many of our morning meetings; each student greeting the class with such uniquely improvised and practiced compositions that one just has to stop and lend an ear. Students have also consistently demonstrated responsible handling of the instruments (I am very proud...) that we are now able to use them at different times to complement our everyday activities (like Spelling....).

Our classroom library has been transformed into all non-fiction and the students are just so curious and have so much previous knowledge to share about all sorts of things that our time together seems brief each day. Because we are looking at informative texts in both Reading and Writing Workshop, there is a lot of "wiggle room" (we love this in First and Second grade) for squeezing in more Science and Social Studies and other topics of interest which I believe is just impetus to squeeze in more fun. We look forward to the transformation of our freshly created inspiration boards as they help us gather and present individual and intriguing information over the upcoming weeks.

Second graders have been measuring up a storm in Math this month. Alongside their rulers and thumbnails and other found units of measure, they are also looking at different shapes and their comparative definitions in terms of sides, angles, and faces. First graders are using their newly created doubles poster to learn different strategies for solving addition and subtraction equations with numbers up to 20. Another new poster displaying both the symbol and word for each number has also been helpful as first graders practice both reading and writing the word for a given number.

In Social Studies we have been considering what roles people play in our communities and how folks provide for resources. Within this consideration, the students have just started thinking and expressing what sort of role they play now and hope to play in the future. Last week in preparation for the tumble through Valentine's Day/ "Friendship Friday", Julie came in from Grade 3/4 to lead a card making project where students industriously and passionately created beautiful expressions of their kindness to be shared with others in the community to celebrate the holiday. I have shared a story in connection with our Social Studies unit and this very caring holiday. I recently attended the opening reception for an artist friend of mine who provides for herself and family and who had just sold almost all 30+ paintings in just the first seven days of her exhibit. Her paintings are small, delightful vignettes of woodland animals that I was able to share in a slideshow with the students. The added bonus- I met this friend in first grade...and we have been friends ever since! There is a loveliness to this thought that has us all reflecting on the meaning of friendship as we consider the idea of community.

Our classroom quote for February comes from Harriet Tubman, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer."

Third and Fourth Grade ~Ms. Christine Mullen

The third and fourth grade class has begun to study non-fiction in reading and writing. We are practicing taking notes while reading our non-fiction books and teaching others what we have learned. We will be starting our Genius Hour projects after vacation. This is a research project where the children choose their own passion project and create something to share what they have learned. We will have a Genius Hour Fair in April to share our projects with families.

In math students are studying measurement and graphing. This is a very interactive unit that the children thoroughly enjoy. They are currently creating their own bar graphs and pictographs based on self-created surveys.

During social studies as we studied the geography, history, and culture of the south east, we spent a week on the Civil Rights movement. The children even participated in a mock equal rights protest within the classroom. Our discussions regarding racism, prejudice, and peaceful protesting were thoughtful and respectful. It always amazes me how easily children are able to see that treating people differently because of their race or skin color is ridiculous. They give me so much hope for our future! Next month we begin our science unit on energy and prepare to tour the midwest region of the USA in social studies.

Fifth and Sixth Grade ~ Ms. Lynn Hansell

The fifth and sixth graders have also begun our non-fiction unit in reading. They are working independently and with partners to examine nonfiction text structure, take notes, and teach others what they have learned about their subjects from the texts that they are reading. They will integrate these skills by using a variety of nonfiction texts to research European countries and to produce Google slide presentations as part of our social studies unit. Slide presentations are a great way to model the use of subtitles, images, graphics, captions, and bulleted lists to teach others. The students are very excited to begin learning about the geography and cultures of other countries!

In math, the fifth grade group is reviewing what they have already learned about multiplication and division of whole numbers, and then they will build on that knowledge to multiply and divide with decimals. The sixth graders are working on a variety of skills such as finding the surface area of 3-dimensional figures (the most difficult unit of the 6th grade curriculum), analyzing statistical data, and one student is working on making tessellations based on 2-dimensional shapes.

We have completed our science unit on cells and organelles. The students had multiple opportunities to observe cells under the microscope. They observed prepared slides of single-celled organisms, made slides of elodea (a very green pond plant), onion skin, and their own cheek cells, and also recorded their observations in their notebooks.

Our microscopes are of very good quality, so learning how to safely and carefully use this technology and to see a part of the living world that was previously invisible to them was an exciting part of the unit for the students. It was equally exciting for me to see the care, awe, and seriousness with which each and every student approached this work! I sincerely say that I am reminded every day of how blessed I am to work with your children.

Library ~ Ms. Erika Nygard

Our annual Scholastic Bookfair is next month March 23rd - 27th. The theme this year is Jungle: Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY! This is an exciting time for us in the library; traditionally resulting in a flurry of creativity in producing games, activities and decorations, as well as subject research. The aim of the library and with help from our invaluable PTO, is to get books into the hands of every single WCS student! The fair will be open during student drop-off and pick-up times Monday through Friday for previewing and purchases, and the fair will also be open during Literacy Night Wednesday 25th 5-7pm. Cashiers are needed, in particular during literacy night. If you would like to be part of our team please let me or the PTO know, thank you! (nygarde@pvrsdk12.org) Book Fair <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/warwickcommunityschool1>

Technology ~ Ms. Genni Garanin

It has been a busy winter in Technology! Our 5th and 6th grade students did a collaborative Digital Art project. Students took photos of everyday objects but by changing the perspective made the photos into letters. Students then used letters to create words. They will be on display soon, can't wait for you to see them!

Grade 3 and 4 have been working on Scratch. Scratch is a block-based coding language where users create online projects. Students have been creating their own mazes in Scratch. It has been fun for students to create their own projects through coding. It has also been great to see students help each other to problem solve through coding, since there is no right or wrong way to make an action happen.

Grade 1 and 2 have also been coding. Their skills are growing! Students have also been introduced to Google Slides. Students are having fun creating pictures in slides all while practicing basic computer skills like dragging and dropping. Students have also been using Prodigy (Prodigy Math is a web-based fantasy math program aligned to the Common Core State Standards for Grades 1-8.) and Teach Your Monster to Read (phonics and reading game covering letter sounds to full sentences)

Art Studio News ~ Ms. Hillary Wilbur-Ferro

This week grade 5 and 6 wrapped up their art and technology unit with Ms Garanin and myself. Students used the cameras on ipads to capture letters found in nature or created by students with objects or their bodies. Students edited their images, uploaded them to a shared drive and put their letters together to write a word. After printing our words, students framed them with a variety of construction paper borders. It was really neat to see kids working together and finding letters in their surroundings.

P.E. ~ Mrs. Sue Scott

The gym has been a hopping place! Students have been busy creating homemade games. First, they create the cooperative game with a group, and then teach it to the entire class. Sometimes we realize that games don't always go as planned and we need to make quick adjustments to the plan...other times the games run quite well and we all have so much fun we don't want to stop playing!

Younger students have worked on gross motor skills and enjoy rotating through stations as they try new activities such as kicking, dodging, fleeing, catching a variety of objects etc.

Additionally, we have continued to play a game or two that focuses on cooperation. We can never have too many chances to work cooperatively together. Students at WCS are so genuine in their desire for everyone to fit in and play an important piece during our game activities.

The 5th and 6th grade class will have the opportunity to try Archery! The MA Division of Wildlife and Fisheries grants us access to use their equipment as long as I continue to stay certified in teaching Archery! The program is a LOT of fun and the kids will learn how to use the equipment safely in our gym.

I look forward to bringing back our "abilities" unit to WCS. This is a unit that will focus on inclusion for all and understanding that everyone has differences....and that we should embrace differences, because really that is what makes the world a special place. We will try various gross motor activities while using wheelchairs, crutches etc...

Health Update ~ Mrs. Suzanne Linden

10 TIPS TO HELP THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE KEEP A HEALTHY SMILE

Start strong with good habits

1. Lead by example. Show your kids that practicing good oral health is important and can be fun by practicing good oral health yourself.
2. Choose a dentist that you and your family will like and trust. It will make the experience more enjoyable for everyone.
3. Take them to the dentist regularly – usually every six months or as directed by your dentist – for routine cleanings and checkups. This is not only good for the mouth; it can also help your child build a comfort level with the dentist.
4. Remind them to brush. Always ask your children if they brushed their teeth before they leave for school and when they are getting ready for bed.
5. Encourage them to brush at school. A travel toothbrush can be easily packed in your child's backpack so that he or she can brush after snacks and lunch while at school.
6. Teach the importance of flossing. Flossing is just as important as brushing and may also help prevent gum disease. Gum disease may be associated with health complications later in life.
7. Make sure your child eats breakfast every day. There's evidence that young people who eat a high protein breakfast have noticeable reductions in cravings for sweets later in the day.*
8. If they're going to drink soda, have them use a straw. Doing so reduces their teeth's exposure to sugar.
9. Reduce sugar in their diets. Replace sugary snacks and drinks with healthy alternatives, such as fruit, cheese and crackers and water.

Reward healthy habits. Leave little treats from the "tooth fairy," every now and then, to reward your child for practicing good oral health.

*"Breakfast Research and Statistics" Mr. Breakfast (University of Missouri). August 2014. http://www.mrbreakfast.com/glossary_term.asp?glossaryID=152

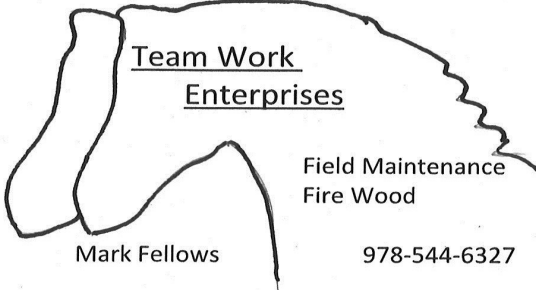
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