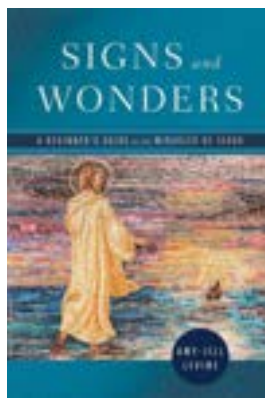


Warwick Community Newsletter

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

Please note: Articles, ads and correspondence should be emailed 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 organizations in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page. 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 content may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations. For more information, call Andrea Woods 544-6844.



Jordan Daigle, Lay Minister of Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick, MA. invites you to our autumn Bible Study using Bible study author, Amy-Jill Levine's book *Signs and Wonders - A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*. Through this study we will explore selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, the author engages with us in discussing not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions. This is a 6-week study will begin Wednesday, September 16th thru Wednesday, October 21st, held in Metcalf Chapel from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM on those Wednesdays. If you would like to purchase the Bible Study to easily follow along, it can be purchased on Amazon, paperback (\$9.61) or on Kindle (\$9.21): <https://www.amazon.com>

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 349

Library 7866

Fire Station (978) 633-9087

Animal Control (413) 774-7340

Clerk/Assessors 8304

Bd of Health 6315

Community School 6310

Police Dept Business 2244

Building Inspector (978) 544-6296

FAX all depts. 6499

Burn Permits:

www.fcburnpermits.com

DONATIONS— POSTAGE COSTS HAVE RISEN AGAIN. If you receive the newsletter by mail, we urge you to consider donating to the newsletter. Suggested donation is \$10/year. See Admin details above for mailing address and make check payable to WCN. Thank You.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS AND ADVERTISERS THIS MONTH:

Clyde Perkins, Jr.

Total \$7

Did You Know...

The town of Warwick pays more to send off solid waste than it does for recyclables?

Please recycle and help the town budget. The 19th annual Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Guide for Hampshire and Franklin Counties can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/RRRN-2026>

Gerry at the Transfer Station can also help you figure out recycling!

~Submitted by Char Beach



Transfer Station Hours:

Every Saturday: 8am-3pm;

April – Sept: Wednesdays 3-6pm

OFFICE HOURS**Tax Collector:** Jessica Foote**Office Hours:** Monday 11-6/Thursday 11-2 other times by appointment**Phone:** 978 544-3845 - press 1 for Tax Collector**email:** collector@town.warwick.ma.us**Please Note:** Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due annually on October 1st and April 1st.**Assessor's Clerk:** Tracy Styles**Office hours:** Tues. 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. and Thurs. 2:00-6:00 p.m. or by appointment. (978) 544-8304

Please note that moving forward Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B applications will no longer be mailed to you. Applications are available on Warwickma.org under Government then Board of Assessors <https://warwickma.org/assessors/> and hard copies are available in the Assessor's office. The Assessor's office hours are Tuesdays 1pm-5pm, Thursdays 2pm-6pm, or by appointment.

A complete application includes: application and acknowledgment form. Make sure to sign **both** the application and acknowledgement form. Please include either your phone number or email address on your applications in case clarifications need to be made to approve your application.

If your application is not complete and turned in by December 1st then you will be removed from Chapter 61 programs and must file again the following year to be re-enrolled in the program.

Completed applications are due back no later than December 1st. Applications will be reviewed and approval letters will be sent out.

Town Clerk: John Paganetti**NEW Office hours:** Tuesdays 10-12, Wednesdays 10-1, and by appointment.**Phone:** 978 544-3845**Please Note:**

There is an election at Town Hall on **Tuesday, October 6th** from 12-8pm regarding funding a new Franklin County Technical School building. Early voting in person and early voting by mail are not available for this election.

COUNCIL ON AGING NEWS

COA thanks those who volunteered to assist with administrative tasks including meeting minutes and record-keeping. We would love to have more volunteers. If this important work is of interest to you, please get in touch with Clyde Perkins, Sr., at (978) 544-3879. Thank you for considering.

The Council on Aging coordinates and carries out programs designed to meet the needs of the town's elders. The Council works closely with the Franklin County Home Care Corporation and the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs in providing needed services.

2026 Foot Clinics

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

Sept 4th (not the usual Friday)
Oct 9th
Nov 13th
Dec 11th

Public Health Nurse and Social Worker Town Hall Drop in Hours

September 15th 11:30am - 1 pm
October 13th 11:30am - 1 pm
November 10th 11:30am - 1 pm
December 8th 11:30am - 1 pm

News from Town Hall

From the Town coordinator:

Dear Warwick,

A brief note from your new coordinator to say hello and thank you! From the invitation to join in the Old Home Days play, to my tour of your state-of-the-art, community-built fire station, to the weekly senior lunches, a simple “thank you for the warm welcome” just doesn’t seem to cut it!

Thank you for teaching me about Warwick, welcoming me into your community, and allowing me to join this special town.

If you have time to pop by Town Hall, I’d love to meet you and learn a little bit more about what makes Warwick special to you. My office hours are Monday–Wednesday, 9–4; Thursday, 9–2; or by appointment. You can reach me at coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us or (413) 824-5063.

At your service,
Lizzie

Town Mailbox for Payment Drop-Off

Payments and other town business can still be dropped off in the black box next to the regular postal box in front of town hall. If you have access to town hall, you can also drop off payments to the Treasurer or Tax Collector in the large silver mailbox next to their offices. Please do not place payments in the mailbox upstairs.

Meetinghouse News



We plan to engage a local slate expert to repair the roof. It was determined that careful repair and addition of a few dozen new slates should take it into the future.

Tree work has been completed by Cody Gibbons and Josh Kirley with only one more dead tree to be removed. We are very happy with their work - thanks to them both!

Warwick artisan Marcia Dexter will install a custom roller shade to protect the pipe organ from the sun on the south side of the building.

Former Building Inspector Brian Gale has attended a meeting to discuss code issues that might be encountered throughout the work. His expertise is so appreciated.

Pipe Organ specialist Stefan Maier has cleaned and repaired the 1872 Hook & Hastings instrument. We hope you were able to hear it played by Deb Kent at Old Home Days on Aug 22. It is a treasure!

Disposition of the land on Hastings Pond Rd bequeathed with the building is a continuing discussion. Appraisal of the land is being sought and there is consideration of several ways in which the land can be turned into some of the funds needed to preserve the building.

Items still a priority for the building are sill, window, door, and animal damage repairs as well as water, septic, seeking grant opportunities and other mechanisms for fund raising and historic designation. Minutes are available on the Town website and include photos: <https://warwickma.org/meetinghouse-committee/>.

You may email us now with input at meetinghouse@town.warwick.ma.us. Our next meeting is 9-15-26 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

Submitted by Andrea Woods (Clerk) on behalf of committee members George Day (Chair), Dave Beach, Jack Cadwell, John Gagliani, Claudia Lewis, Jim McRae, Adrian Paul, and David Young.

Warwick Women's Guild

Every woman in Warwick is automatically a member of the Guild, which was founded in 1921. The Warwick Women's Guild has promoted and encouraged any enterprise that was deemed for the best interest of the town.

September 8, 2026

Note the date change. Primary election is on Sept 1. The Women's Guild will meet at the Town Hall at 1pm. We will have a business meeting followed by an LCR game. Refreshments will then be served.

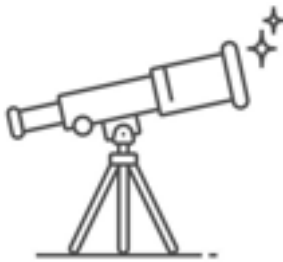
October 6, 2026

The Women's Guild will meet at the Town Hall at 12:45 to car pool to the school for the Dale Monette nature program.

-submitted by Nancy Kilhart

Warwick Astronomy Club

Night sky viewing, weekly beginning Tuesday September 8th! As long as skies are clear, we'll be gazing upwards each week at 8pm behind the Trinitarian Church at 32 Athol Rd. We have a great telescope to work with, or you can bring your own along.



As a reminder, the Library has its own telescope available for loan.

This is a very amateur endeavor, so bring your knowledge and enthusiasm, and we can learn together!

To check whether skies are clear enough, please check warwickma.org/astro

~Submitted by John Paganetti

Warwick Trails Group September Hike

The Warwick Trails Group invites you to join us for a hike on the Stagecoach Trail.

When: Third Sunday of the month: September 20 at 1 p.m.

Where to meet: At the beach parking area at Moores Pond (the intersection of Wendell Road and South Holden Road).



The Hike: This out-and-back hike (approximately 3.4 miles with a change in elevation of about 360 feet) follows the original Holden Road. We will start at Moores Pond, travel east for a short distance on South Holden Road, enter the woods, and hike north to the Warwick Cemetery. Then, we will retrace our steps back to the pond. Please bring hiking poles if you have them, proper footwear, bug spray, and a water bottle. You may also want to bring your bathing suit for a dip in the pond after the hike. We will have maps and a trail description available.

The all volunteer Warwick Trails Group maintains some of Warwick's town owned trails, hikes and maps existing trails, plans and creates new ones, and occasionally leads hikes around Warwick.



Questions about this hike? Contact nlharnden@comcast.net

Did you miss one of our previous hikes or want to learn more? Visit <https://warwickma.org/trails-group/> The all volunteer Warwick Trails Group maintains some of Warwick's town owned trails, hikes and maps existing trails, plans and creates new ones, and occasionally leads hikes around Warwick.

submitted by Nancy Harnden

LIBRARY NEWS - September

Library hours: Monday 10-4; Tuesday 1-8; Thursday 5-8; Saturdays 10-12:30 (now until the end of School Year)
Contact: warwick@cwmar.org; 978-544-7866; Ivan Ussach, director.

To see the newest books, movies, music, and audiobooks almost the moment they arrive at the library, sign up for Wowbrary's weekly emails here: www.wowbrary.org. It's a free service.

Non-Fiction Discussion group - Thursday, Sept. 10th @ 7 pm (new time - 2nd Thursdays): This discussion group is wide open. It is not tied to any specific reading or topic. Come to share/discuss or just to listen and build your reading list.

Monthly Short Story Hour - Sarah Oren Jewett, Sept. 24th @ 7:30 pm: We'll read selections from Jewett's Selected Stories and Sketches. Jewett (1849-1909), a novelist, short story writer and poet, was born and died in South Berwick, Maine. She devoted her career to capturing, in nuanced and sharply edged fiction, the inner drama in the outwardly quiet life of New England coastal towns. Her stories have a very modern resonance. Come to read or just to listen.

Tick Talk with a Nurse - Tuesday, September 29th @ 7pm: Public health nurse Samantha Piragis returns for another free presentation about ticks, tick-borne illnesses and tick bite prevention. NOTE: Samantha will again offer free Permethrin spraying to hiking/outdoor boots and shoes at these events (Please bring a spare pair to wear).

Sumner Lincoln Fairfield - 19th c. Warwick Poet: Some time last year the Library received the following email: "Hello, can you please tell me if your library holds events to memorialize your city's native poet S. L. Fairfield (1803-1844)? With best regards, Sergey. Отправлено с [sent by] iPhone" I wrote back that we do not, but soon learned why Sergey was interested in Mr. Fairfield. S.L. Fairfield, who was indeed born in Warwick, to Dr. Abner Fairfield and Lucy Lincoln. After studying at Brown University he taught school in the South, then travelled to England. When he returned he married Jane Frazee, who is quoted as saying: "His nature was haughty, unbending, and reserved; he could not brook personal or newspaper attacks. I have seen him writhe under mental pain even upon a criticism of a poem."

Fairfield's first major work was The Battle of Borodino (1821), about the epic clash between Napoleon's invading army of 130,000 French troops and the Russian army of 120,000 defending Moscow on September 7, 1812. (Cue Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture.")

Although Napoleon's success allowed him to occupy Moscow unopposed, the badly weakened Russian army survived to fight again and, in the end, drove Napoleon out of Russia.

Fairfield went on to publish several major works during the following decade. Vol. 1 of The Poems and Prose Writings of Sumner Lincoln Fairfield In Two Volumes was published in 1841; it appears that Vol. 2 was never published. Perhaps Warwick will memorialize S.L. Fairfield at some future date.



The opening lines of The Battle of Borodino are:
"Come, o ye Muses, those grand themes endite,
Of red Borodino, which met the sight
Of great Napoleon, in his high career,
'Midst blood and carnage o'er the nations near;

TECHNOLOGY HELP DAYS



After Senior Meal at the Town Hall on Tuesdays, walk across the street to join the Tech Help gathering which includes more than problem solving for your technical and device issues; coffee, tea, cocoa, and lively conversation are all included. Feel free to bring a friend for cards, cribbage, and backgammon. Anyone interested in darts? Sometimes on Tuesdays we have live music and ice cream on the porch. Stop in and tell us what you would enjoy doing while hanging out with friends.
All are welcome!

Hours of operation at the Downtown Inn are: **Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:00 and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. until noon**

Green Corner

The Town of Warwick is committed to reducing municipal energy costs, improving the efficiency of public infrastructure, and advancing its long-term climate and sustainability goals through strategic investments in renewable energy and building efficiency. Building upon years of successful Green Communities initiatives, the Town has transitioned nearly all municipal buildings to high-efficiency heat pump systems and recently completed installation of a 50 kW rooftop solar photovoltaic array at the Fire Department.

The following projects listed in our recent Climate Leader grant request represent the next phase of Warwick's comprehensive energy strategy:

- Solar arrays on the police station, school gym, and the other half of the highway garage
- More detailed air sealing and insulation in seven of the most used town buildings
- Infrared heaters for both highway garages (to take advantage of the solar production)
- An EGO zero-turn electric mower for the cemetery (to replace the failing 40 year old unit)
- A community engagement project for 5th & 6th graders, including surveys and compilation

Thanks to our town for voting to fund our new Buildings and Energy Manager, Jared Kain-Woods, who will be administering this new grant (should we get it), as well as a myriad of other tasks that this little town with its' aging buildings will be throwing at him.

Janice Kurkoski & the Buildings & Energy Committee

September 19 Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Franklin County Solid Waste District will hold the 2026 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 19, at Greenfield Community College and the Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must register by September 9.

Online registration <https://franklincountywastedistrict.org/> and mail-in registration forms at the transfer station will be available in mid-August and in local newspapers.

An appointment time and instructions will be provided by mail after registration is processed. Businesses may participate but must pay for disposal costs.

This event provides households with a free opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, and other household chemicals.

Batteries and mercury-containing items such as fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers, and thermostats are not accepted at this collection. However, these items, which may contain mercury or heavy metals, should not be put in trash or recycling. Bring them to the transfer station and hand them to the attendant.

In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted free of charge at Lowe's stores.

For more information, including a complete list of what items are accepted, visit franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the district at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438.

From the Warwick Community School and District

We are excited to begin the 2026–2027 school year and to share news of continued growth, exceptional staff, and new opportunities for learning at Warwick Community School.

Growing Together

This fall, 78 students are enrolled at Warwick Community School, from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade—up from 53 students last year! We are grateful that more families are choosing WCS for its strong academics, close-knit community, and commitment to nature-centered, place- and project-based learning. Our students benefit from small classes, caring adults, and learning experiences that encourage curiosity, collaboration, creativity, and independence.

Welcoming New Classroom Teachers

We are delighted to welcome two new core classroom teachers to WCS: Becky Richardson, our kindergarten teacher, and Jenn Catt, our third- and fourth-grade teacher.

Jenn brings creativity, warmth, and a deep belief that every child is a reader. Her commitment to strong relationships and learning alongside children will be a tremendous asset to our school community.

Becky brings more than 30 years of experience in education, including 23 years as a preschool and kindergarten teacher. She is especially passionate about the moments when children discover excitement in new learning. Becky's collaborative approach and commitment to student success make her a wonderful fit for Warwick.

Learning and Discovery

Before students arrive, our faculty is dedicating time to collaboration and professional learning. We are currently studying the science of reading through Orton-Gillingham coursework and will continue learning how to apply those principles for all types of developing readers. We also continue to develop “thinking classroom” practices inspired by Dr. Peter Liljedahl. Through engaging problems, student conversation, and productive struggle, these practices help children become increasingly independent mathematical thinkers.

We are also delighted that the first phase of the David Young Nature Discovery Yard is nearing completion. This beautiful new outdoor learning space reflects the vision and generosity of the Warwick Community Education Foundation, and community volunteers Larry Kilroy, Luke Graci, Noah Foote, Rob Foote, and Brandon Schillemat. We look forward to seeing students explore, create, play, and learn there this fall.

With gratitude,

Dr. Kate Carbone, Interim Superintendent

Stephen Stroud, Principal

Jess Marshall, Director of Operations




33rd Annual

ART SHOW & SALE

10th & 11th October 10AM-3PM

Warwick Town Hall, 12 Athol Rd.

■ **"Meet the Artists" Reception** Friday, Oct. 9th at 7pm

Call for Artists

The Arts Council is looking for Warwick artists to submit up to 3 pieces. We accept art from artists of all ages & experience levels. Call Janice at 978-544-8968 to leave your information (name and phone #) or email hoothill@valinet.com to sign up to show your work.

Details

The Annual Art Show has truly become a community event, with volunteers doing it all! We need help with setting up the show, staffing the town hall, and breakdown. Please make sure all the pieces are ready to hang (wire, hooks, etc). Bring in your work to the town hall on October 8th, 5-7pm. Questions or special arrangements please call Janice at 978-544-8968 or email hoothill@valinet.com. Breakdown is Sunday at 3pm.

In My Opinion...

The Six Town Decision

This month I am writing to folks who are considering supporting the STRPB (Six Town Regionalization Planning Board) initiative. Again, I am writing from my own personal perspective and not as a committee member.

Starting a new school district is extremely complicated. The STRPB was formed in 2019, the district they are proposing would not open until the fall of 2028. A venture this large will need paid staff during the planning year. The Six Town website has some appealing financial models but they do not include these start-up funds nor the capital costs required to sustain two old, complicated buildings (Turners Falls High and PVRs)

This financial model shows potential savings for Warwick taxpayers but it is not a budget; that plan will be developed in the future by the new school committee and district leadership. That budget will absorb the new salary and health insurance scales that ensure no employees make a lower salary or are offered an inferior health care plan than they currently have. That budget will support transportation expenses for significantly more school bus miles. Warwick tax payers would pay a portion of it all.

If you are considering supporting the Six Town initiative, please read the detailed information (not just the summaries) on 6towns.org with a critical eye. Much of the research is several years old and a large portion of the detailed planning required to open is yet to be done. A vote to support this plan is a leap of faith in the school committee formed primarily by residents of the other five towns.

[Six Town Regional Planning Board https://6towns.org/](https://6towns.org/)

[Six Town Regional Planning Board Regional Agreement https://6towns.org/s/GRRSD6TownRA040826I.pdf](https://6towns.org/s/GRRSD6TownRA040826I.pdf)

[Six Town Long Range Plan](https://6towns.org/s/Great-River-RSD-Long-Range-Plan-FINAL-040826.pdf)

<https://6towns.org/s/Great-River-RSD-Long-Range-Plan-FINAL-040826.pdf>

[The key research study for the project https://6towns.org/s/Final-Report-v25-8-14-21.pdf](https://6towns.org/s/Final-Report-v25-8-14-21.pdf)

<https://6towns.org/s/GRRSD6TownRA060426.pdf>

~Submitted by Diana Noble

Clyde Perkins 90th Birthday Pig Roast Celebration

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club, 210 Turners Falls Rd. Montague, MA. 01351

Tickets: \$20.00 each in lieu of a gift. Children under 12 free.

Tickets must be purchased by 10/1/26 from Clyde Jr. or Linda Perkins in Warwick, Lori at **Home Fruit Wine**, Orange, or web <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260866811785065>

Join family and friends to celebrate **Clyde Perkins 90 wonderful years** with a festive **pig roast** filled with laughter, music, and memories.

Traditional pig roast with sides! This is outdoor event with heaters available. Sorry, no dogs allowed
Cash Bar only.

Family stories and photo displays — Toasts honoring Clyde's life and legacy
Casual country style Dress — jeans, boots, hats, and smiles encouraged!

Come share in the joy of this milestone celebration and make lasting memories with Clyde.

In My Opinion...

Hear Ye ALL Warwick Residents! Let's Keep Warwick Affordable for All Town Services!

As a long-time resident of Warwick, I have joined a community of amazing people who give freely of their time serving the best interests of our community. In that regard, I have had the pleasure of serving on the Selectboard, PVRSD and Warwick School Committee, and the Six Town Regionalization Planning Board. The present and future health and welfare of our town is of utmost importance to me, including the many benefits of educating our elementary children in our town. We can take pride in being excellent stewards of our school building and grounds, and regionalization won't change that. These are only leased to the Great River Regional School District (GRRSD) through regionalization.

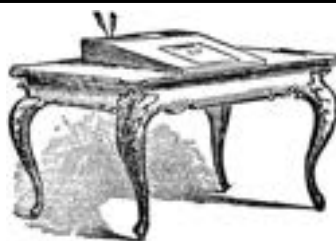
Pedro Martinez, Commissioner of Education, recently noted that it is important for young children to be educated in their own communities, and that the programs offered should reflect the values of the community! **Our regional agreement has language that protects ALL elementary schools from premature closures** and has a very high bar and comprehensive process for that to even be considered. The past agreement had no such language! Many good people worked diligently to reopen our school and form a new district. I am one of them, and I remain committed to providing the best education possible — one that is both affordable and sustainable for our taxpayers, so people can continue to enjoy living here.

Let's avoid becoming a "hand to mouth" community that struggles to support all town services, including the school. Please note two articles voters passed at the May Town Meeting: one for \$133,000 to reduce taxes, another for \$30,000 to avoid an override. Both came from stabilization. Town departments were squeezed to end the year with some surplus to help in the cause. From my perspective, this is troubling. Stabilization is basically our rainy day fund and some may say we're just "kicking the can down the road".

There are 740 residents, and 680 tax bills are sent out for dwellings and properties — this is essentially our tax base. The state owns 51% of our land, and the state decides how much it will pay through a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program: Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B are restricted land classifications, taxed on a reduced value approved by the state. These preservation measures have value for our town, but they put more and more burden on our taxpayers! Regionalizing our school district will provide some relief to help sustain our other town departments. Without regionalization, the town will be 100% responsible for all school-obligated expenses, and other economic shocks such as Special Education costs not covered by the state, additional 7-12 tuition students (just 5 at \$20,436 = another \$102,180), and additional legal bills to name a few. School assessments are calculated based on student enrollment in relation to all towns; Warwick's assessment would be lower, and our exposure to financial spikes would be limited!

For the first time in many years, the state has appropriated \$16.5 million to support regionalization. Our timing couldn't be better! The Commissioner has said he is looking forward to partnering with the Great River Regional School District if it is passed by the towns. As chair of the STRPB, I have worked tirelessly with its members over the past 7 years and the town representatives who crafted a new district agreement that is sustainable and affordable for all the towns, so the students get the education they deserve! The time to act is when things are going well, not when you're financially strapped! It's your choice.

Alan Genovese, Long-time Servant of This Great Community!





Trinitarian Congregational Church, UCC

September

Metcalf Chapel

32 Athol Road

Warwick, MA 01378

Dear Friends,

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:31, NIV) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” (John 1:1-5, NIV) “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV)

In 2024, when I began my journey on the United Church of Christ’s Member-in-Discernment, a process for those seeking and working towards becoming ordained, I was asked by my local Committee on Authorized Ministry: “What do you want people to receive when ministering to them?” My answer was that I want to inspire people to God’s hope, joy, peace, and know that they are loved. These three scriptures are what I have marked on the backside of my business card. Each of those scripture passages delivers its own message: all which God created, God saw as very good; that Jesus is the Word which was present with God from the beginning, that all things came into existence through Jesus, and that Jesus is the source of life and the divine light which overcomes darkness; and the intensity of God’s love for humanity. When discerning the scriptures I felt were important to share with those who see or receive my card, there were a few other scriptures I was drawn to, one including Mark:12:30-31. I felt it was more important to share who God is through God’s Word and actions over how we should act, which we learn from Jesus in Mark 12:30-31. In selecting the three scriptures above, I feel that collectively they inspire hope, joy, peace, and know that we are loved by God. We can rejoice and be at peace knowing that no matter who we are or where we are in life’s journey, God created us and sees that we are very good in creation. We can live in hope knowing that through Jesus we have life and is our light shining in the darkness, a light that brightens when darkness becomes darker. I believe that we can know the greatness of God’s love for us in knowing that God sees us created as good, that God loves us so much that Jesus was given to humanity to live among us on earth and experience life as we experience it, yet to teach and inspire all God’s children, and that God’s love for us so powerful, selfless, and is a promise of life.

I believe that this is an important message for all of us to hear these days. We’re continually bombarded with news stories and over time our energy is to remain strong and persist can drain. We’re each dealing with personal struggles: navigating finances, attending to our nutritional, medical health, and mental health, and balancing rest and keeping ourselves busy. We carry the weight of concern for our local communities: ensuring that our towns and cities are providing essential and safety services, that roads and infrastructures are maintained, and that education of the highest standards are provided to our children, all these amongst rising costs and strapped town/city budgets. Our hearts become broken with personal loss, in hearing tragic losses caused by suicide or at the hands of another, and when learn of hate crimes. We’re burdened with people afflicted by natural disasters, with war-torn countries, the inhumane treatment of immigrants and citizens, and the polarizing political culture. We are in a season of voting for mid-term elections during which we are bombarded with many voices pulling us in multiple directions. All of these things can be draining of us living strong in hope, joy, peace, and love. I admit, it is very challenging, but I lean on my faith and trust in God. I am reminded over and over again of God’s faithfulness. My prayer is that in this season of your life journey, you can replenish yourselves in God’s hope, joy, peace, in hearing the scriptures from Genesis 1:31, John 1:1-15, and John 3:16. My prayer is also that you are reminded of God’s love for you, so that you can radiate that love to others around you. It is needed!

In the Peace of Christ,

Jordan Daigle

Lay Minister

WARWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE CLASSES

BONE AND BALANCE 9AM and TAI CHI TUESDAYS 10:00 a.m.

Classes held at the Town Hall. Tai Chi is often described as “meditation in motion,” Tai Chi uses slow, graceful movements to promote balance, flexibility, and overall well-being. It is suitable for people of all ages and can help reduce stress while improving strength and stability.

YOGA SATURDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Yoga continues on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9-10:15 AM. Join us for a gentle Yin Yoga class on the mat with Amelia on Wednesdays for a calm practice that involves deep stretching. The Saturday class includes warm ups, traditional hatha yoga poses for strength and flexibility. Both classes include time for reflection and relaxation. Amelia Stone, instructor.

ZUMBA SATURDAYS 8:00 a.m.

Zumba has many benefits: its a great way to stretch, strengthen, increase balance, and lift your mood ! class taught by Susan Krieger. The first two classes are always free!

We hope you can join us! These classes are sponsored by the Warwick Recreation Committee. –submitted by Leanne Limoges

Community Garden News

The Community Garden is thriving and producing! Stop by the FFF Shed or pick produce items in the garden. Squash, tomatoes, kale, flowers, lettuces, and herbs are in particular abundance. Please help yourself! Put the awning up and relax in the garden. Many hands make light work.



Clare Green, on behalf of many who help!

Warwick Historical Society

The quarterly meeting of the Warwick Historical Society will meet at 4PM at The Town Hall on September 16th.

Come share ideas, stories or ask questions!
All are welcomed.

A special thank you to all who attended and participated with the 7th annual Cemetery Walk, held at The Meetinghouse on the Hill, during Old Home Days.

~Submitted by Clare Green



TCC UPCOMING EVENTS



TCC Movie Night: Wednesday, September 23, 7 p.m. at the Metcalf Chapel
Movies at the Chapel will present "Under the Same Moon"

A drama about a Mexican adolescent living with his grandmother while his mother works as a maid in the US, hoping someday to send for her child. When the grandmother dies unexpectedly, the boy must sneak across the border to reunite with his mother.

Popcorn will be served and all are welcome. The more the merrier ~we hope to see you there.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Location Key: DI= Downtown Inn LIB = Library MC = Metcalf Chapel TH = Town Hall TS = Transfer Station	September 2026 Warwick Massachusetts	1 Primary election TH Bone & Balance 9 am TH Tai-Chi 10am TH Sr. Meal Noon TH Guild 1:00 pm TH Tech Help 1:00 pm DI Library 1-8 pm	2 Yoga 9 am TH Transfer S. 3-6 pm	3 Tech Help - 9 am-12 pm DI Library 5-8 pm	4 Foot Clinic 8 am MC Free Food Friday 9 am MC	5 Transfer Station 8 am-3 pm Zumba 8 am TH Yoga 9 am-10:15 am TH C. bells 11:00 am Library 10 am—12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30 -12:30 pm
6 Worship Svc 10 am Sacred Rhythm Circle 1-4 pm TH	7 Labor Day Library closed	8 Bone & Balance 9 am TH Tai-Chi 10am TH Sr. Meal Noon TH WW Guild 1:00 pm TH Tech Help 1:00 pm DI Library 1-8 pm Astronomy Club 9 pm behind Trinity Church	9 Yoga 9 am TH Book Club 10:00 am Transfer S. 3-6 pm Last day to register for Hazardous Waste Day	10 Tech Help- 9 am -12 pm DI Library 5-8 pm Non-fiction Discussion Grp 7:00 pm LIB	11 Free Food Friday 9 am MC	12 Transfer Station 8 am-3 pm Zumba 8 am TH Yoga 9 am-10:15 am TH C. bells 11:00 am Library 10 am—12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30 -12:30 pm :
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tech Help - Every Tues 12– 4 and Thurs 9-12

Foot Clinic - Sept 4

Women's Guild Meeting- Sept 8

Astronomy Club—Sept 8

Non-Fiction Discussion Group - Sept 13

Meeting house committee meeting –Sept 15

Historical Society Meeting—Sept 16

Bible Study—Wednesdays Sept 16—October

21 Warwick Trail Hike - Stagecoach trail -Sept

20 TCC Movie Night - Sept 23

Monthly Short Story Hour - Sept 27

Tick Talk—Sept 29th

Coming in October....

Election RE: New Tech School Oct 6th

Dale Monette Nature Program—Oct 6th

Art Show and Sale—Oct 10th-11th