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As we read this edition of the CONTACT, we are feeling the cooler air, seeing the change in tree coloring and saying goodnight to the sun earlier each evening. Yes, fall is here and the holidays are fast approaching. We will be celebrating the birth of Jesus within a few weeks!

We have been enjoying our guest preachers/speakers who have each brought something new to our services. We will be welcoming Rev. Pamela Ash in November and Kristen Duncan in December.

The search committee is hoping to have a "consultant" in place beginning in January 2015 while they continue the search for a new Pastor. The role of the Consultant will be to provide Sunday services and pastoral care as needed. Additionally the Consultant will be asked to assist the Boards & Committees with duties, training, questions, etc. as requested by the board/committee chairperson.

The search committee is putting the final touches on the church profile which will be sent to the Southern Conference for publication. Once the profile is in the system, interested parties can apply for the position and the committee can begin the hard work.

The Nominating Committee will soon begin its job of filling boards and committees for the 2015 calendar year. Please consider taking a position since many hands make light work.

The next few months will be very busy with the upcoming Consecration Sunday, developing the 2015 budget, the Christmas Cantata, the church wide Christmas program and the Congregational Meeting. Let's pledge to not let the busyness of the season affect our joy of the season.

See you on Sundays!

Barbara Harvey

Thanks to a Dedicated WUCC Member

Bucky Holmes served as Treasurer for WUCC for more than 25 years.

By Barbara Harvey



On September 21st, WUCC said THANK YOU to Bucky Holmes for his long tenure as our selfless, dedicated Treasurer by hosting a special reception in his honor. Bucky was the Treasurer for WUCC for more than 25 years before he handed off the books to Terry Costello.

Bucky was the glue that held the church together in some very lean years. He remained positive and somehow all of the numbers that he “plucked” from the air worked. WUCC owes him more than we could ever repay. And I would be remiss without thanking Shirley for allowing Bucky to remain in that difficult, frustrating job for so many years.

Watch for the Bible Challenge Contest

By Barbara Harvey

Each edition of the CONTACT will feature a Bible Challenge “trivia” contest. Answer each question and submit your answers (with you name listed) to Barbara Harvey. One week after the CONTACT has been distributed, a winner will be announced and a prize awarded.

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1. Where was Jesus born?
2. What does it mean to “hallow” something?
3. Paul had a vision of a man from what place begging him to come and help them?
4. From what metal were shrines of Artemis made?
5. When they met, did Esau treat Jacob with hatred or kindness?
6. Who had four daughters who prophesied?
7. Who said “Your faith has saved you; go in peace”?

Meals on Wheels Honors Warwick UCC

By Barbara Harvey



I was asked a few months ago if I would attend a “breakfast” given by the Meals on Wheels Program to say thanks to WUCC. So... the morning comes and I think, OK, this will be a small gathering so I guess it’ll be ok to wear my jeans. I was running a few minutes late due to road construction on Jefferson but again I thought they probably haven’t even sat down yet. THEN...I walk in to a huge gathering and when I looked up front Congressman Scott was speaking! I slithered in and hoped that no one was noticing.

As I sat and thought, ok, time for coffee I heard the announcement that a few people were running late and it was hoped that they could attend. Then my name was called. Uh-Oh – I was supposed to be at the head table in front of these 100+ people! Oh why me? Once again I slithered to the table and tried to be as inconspicuous as possible.

I had no idea that Warwick UCC was one of only three churches on the Peninsula that is a distribution center for the program. Hundreds of meals are served daily and WUCC is a big part of that success. So as I sat trying to blend in with the tablecloth I realized that WUCC makes a huge difference in feeding the hungry, the lonely, the shut-in - the elderly. Thanks to all of our WUCC volunteers. It was an honor to represent you at the breakfast.

CROP Walk 2014 ...

Walk for the Hungry

By Barbara Harvey



Jan Orr , Roxanne and Joe Emerson

Thanks to Jan Orr and Joe Emerson, our 2014 CROP Walk representatives from Warwick UCC.

The day was beautiful and, from all of the smiling faces, I think I can say that everyone had fun. I do not know how much was raised, but in previous years the number was over \$5,000. All funds raised are divided amongst several local non-profits who feed the hungry. Hats off to all of our WUCC walkers!



Jan, Linda and Mark



The Waldens



Bill and Sue Howell



This Day Is Born Emmanuel

By Rudy Wilson

Christmas is a time to celebrate the most miraculous birth in history. It is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Our cantata, *This Day Is Born Emmanuel*, is the perfect musical celebration of Christmas! This cantata has a wonderful scripturally based narration, songs of the season, familiar Christmas carols and a Rudy Wilson style orchestration. The composers, Ruth Elaine Schram and John Purifoy, tell the Christmas story in a way that reminds us of the truth and joy of God's only Son, Emmanuel.

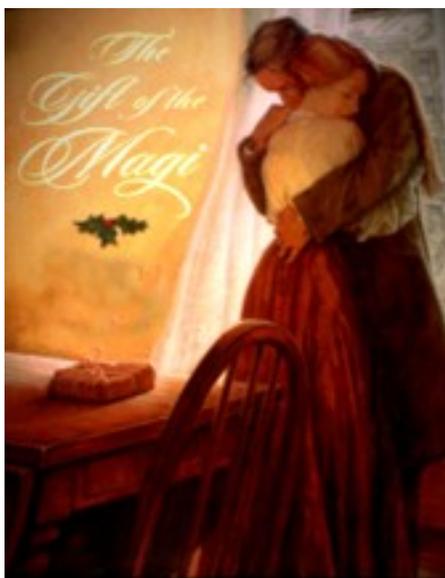


You are invited to a true Christmas musical experience on December 21, 2014 at Warwick United Church of Christ during the 11AM service. Be with us as we welcome Bethlehem's Child into our hearts and our worship service this Christmas season.

Women's Fellowship...

Women's Fellowship to Present a Holiday Treat

By Rudy Wilson



On December 3, 2014, at Warwick United Church of Christ, at 7PM, The Women's Fellowship will sponsor their holiday program for our congregation and the community. Warwick United Church of Christ is located on 10 Matoaka Lane in Newport News, Virginia.

This year the Women's Fellowship will present "The Gift of the Magi," written by Thomas Hirschak. This play will be directed by Rudy Wilson. The actors are Mark Snell-Cook and Leslie Danneberger.

"THE GIFT OF THE MAGI" is a short story, about a young married couple and how they deal with the challenge of buying secret Christmas gifts for each other with very little money. This play is a holiday treat, as simple and straight forward as the famous story by O. Henry. "The Gift of the Magi" is a moral lesson about gift giving with an ironic ending that is both humorous and bittersweet.

So mark your calendar now to be sure you don't miss this delightful play on December 3, 2014, at 7PM, at Warwick United Church of Christ.

Women of the Bible

By Sue Howell



Sue Gosser and Jean Pikul share a hug.

All women are invited to participate in the Women's Study Circle at WUCC. We meet at 10 a.m. on the third Monday of each month. Mark your calendar and come join us!

Meetings are an opportunity to fellowship, discuss how we can assist various projects of the church, and learn more about a range of topics. This year, volunteers from the circle are selecting topics from several resources including "Women of the Bible."

If you are interested in becoming part of our cordial and informative gathering, mark your calendar and come join us!

Communications ...

Have photos for the CONTACT?

By Judy Ivey

We know many of you who participate in activities within the church and community throughout the year like to share your photos in the CONTACT. Below are 3 secrets to help showcase everyone in the best light.

3 Secrets for Submitting Great Pictures

1. When taking photos at an event, think about the story you want your picture to tell. Then, come in close to capture the faces of the main characters. Try to avoid taking shots of people when they are eating or of the back of their heads. We want to see their smiles!
2. Pay attention to the background. Is there a flagpole growing out the top of someone's head? Is there a person near subject who may be a distraction?
3. Avoid cropping the photo. Submit it just as it comes from your camera to allow us to size it to fit available space. Oddly cropped photos are harder to place on a page with other images.



Service on the Beach at Huntington Beach and Fort Fun



The Board of Deacons sponsored the Annual Church Picnic at Huntington Beach and Fort Fun. A little rain could not dampen the spirits as Warwick UCC gathered for a time of fellowship, good food and fun.



Above, guest speaker Kayla Lennon delivers her message as the Warwick UCC family listens, **Right.**



Left, Rudy Wilson provides beautiful music while the congregation sings along, **Below.**

