

January, 2014

THE WARNER MEMO



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN JANUARY

Sunday, January 5

Communion

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12
“Diligent Searching”

Sunday, January 12

Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17
“Fulfilling Righteousness”

Sunday, January 19

Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
“Grace Given”

Sunday, January 26

Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23
“Left Behind”

Please remember to support the many programs we have at Warner which help our community in a variety of ways. You can...

... Make a donation to the Deacon's Fund
on January 5th—the first Sunday of the month.



... Bring coins for Two Cents-a-Meal
on January 19th—the third Sunday of the month.

... Bring non-perishable food
to our Hunger Barrel for M.U.M., any time.

Please read further to find out about other ways you can be involved
at Warner and in the community.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

Films with sound had just begun to be made when Charlie Chaplin had already begun production of a silent film named *City Lights*. It thereby became one of the last of the silent films to come out of Hollywood. Chaplin wrote, directed, and starred in this movie, which on most lists of great films, ranks near the top. Chaplin plays his recurring role as the little tramp, a vagabond with “nowhere to lay his head.” This outcaste ironically plays a redemptive role in other characters’ lives. He meets a beautiful young woman who is blind who sells flowers on the street. Soon thereafter he is able to keep an intoxicated, suicidal rich man from drowning himself. He is befriended by the rich man whenever he is drinking and rejected by him when he is sober. He convinces the wealthy man (while he is drunk) to give him money so the visually-impaired woman can have an operation to restore her sight. Later, the tramp is accused of having stolen the wealthy man’s money. He is apprehended and imprisoned.



After he has served his sentence, the little tramp comes out of prison shabbier and lonelier than ever. The young woman, who has had her sight restored had imagined her benefactor to be a handsome man of means. She does not recognize the poor disheveled man who was instrumental in restoring her sight. Only in the final scene does she have occasion to touch his hand. By this touch, she realizes who he is, and says, “You?” He asks, “You can see now?” The young woman, now sobbing, replies, “Yes, I can see now.”

There is seeing and then there is recognition. As this new year begins, I hope and pray that we can recognize and acknowledge the One whose love, dedication, and sacrifice has opened the way for our ability to see physically and spiritually.

May our eyes fully open to the blessings of the Lord,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

BOARD OF DEACONS

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

The Board of Deacons would like to thank the deacons who are finishing their term (Class of 2013): June Eakin for faithfully serving as our recording secretary; Paul Perkins, for spending many hours delivering groceries from our food barrel to MUM; and George Kleinguenther for, every month, accompanying Rev. Hill, taking communion to the homebound. We also wish to thank Jean Noel and Tiff Carroll, who, in 2013, filled an unexpired term. We will, later this month, welcome Alan Schroeder and Grace Sooklal onto the board.



CANNED SOUP COLLECTION, LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING



On **January 26th, "Souper" Bowl Sunday**, the deacons and youth will be hosting our annual soup luncheon after church. We will provide a simple but delicious meal of a variety of homemade soups, crackers, breads, and fruit.

Afterwards, our **first 2014 meeting of our congregation** will take place, when annual reports of the church will be discussed. Plan on attending...so mark your calendars now!!! These luncheons always provide a great mid-winter "pick-me-up"!!!

We'll also highlight our desire to support neighbors in need: ***We ask that everyone bring a can of soup (or boxes of other non-perishable food items) to help the Mid-county United Ministries (M.U.M.) food pantry in Wheaton.*** Your food donations can help many low-income families in our area. Come to worship, contribute and participate in the annual meeting-luncheon!

The deacons would like to extend to you and yours blessings for 2014!

Stay tuned to the February MEMO for information about our end-of-the-winter serving at Rainbow Place shelter and for other news of deacon activities in 2014.

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

 **Please support the Warner Memorial Deacons' Fund by contributing on Sunday, January 5.** You may use the special envelopes in the pew racks. Please give generously to help our neighbors in need.

COMMUNITY

TWO CENTS-A-MEAL CONTINUES TO HELP HUNGRY PEOPLE

On Sunday, December 15, members and friends of Warner Church donated \$215 to our monthly Two Cents-a-Meal offering. (That brings our total to \$2,409.11 for 2013!)



On December 22, a crew counted the offering in the Warner library. Our church's discretionary portion (40%) – along with that from the November offering – will benefit Mid-County United Ministries (MUM) and their food pantry. The remainder will go toward Presbyterian hunger programs in the United States and abroad. Thanks to all contributors – and to the “coin counters” – during 2013.

As this collection is always on the third Sunday of the month, our next offering will be on January 19. Please prepare to participate; we give thanks to you all for your ongoing support of “Two Cents-a-Meal.”

-- Ann Rakow

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING BENEFITS RETIRED CLERGY AND COLLEGES

During December, Warner Memorial members and friends contributed \$1,770 to the annual Christmas Joy Offering of our denomination. The donations will go, as always, to assist retired Presbyterian clergy and mission workers and their spouses -- in addition to providing help for staff and students at Presbyterian-related colleges and secondary schools in the U.S. On behalf of these beneficiaries, thanks to all of you who gave to this annual collection.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY (UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND) BENEFIT CONCERT—PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

**Saturday, January 11 at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda**

Emil Israel Chudnovsky, violin, and Joe Ramos Santana, piano

A program of works by Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, and Strauss, E. Block and C. Franck

A free-will offering will be collected, with a suggested donation of \$20.

You may also donate online at www.ucmcollegepark.org. All donations to U.C.M. received after January 1, 2014 will be matched by National Capital Presbytery up to \$6,000.

For more information, contact Alan Schroeder.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

USHERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICES!

We have many angels at work here at Warner. This month we want to focus on those who work as ushers. For many years, Charity Singletary, our head angel, served as coordinator of the ushers. This is a behind the scenes job that often required lots of phone calls (you may have heard from her more than a few times). We can't thank Charity enough for her years of services, a real calling.

Janice Landfair picked up the ball as usher coordinator this year but has recently had to resign in order to give more time to her job. We thank Janice also for her volunteer time as coordinator and for trying out a new system of signing up on a chart to be an usher. This has helped to cut down on phone calls but still leaves a need to call people to fill in the gaps on the chart.



Another thank you goes out to all of you who have generously served as ushers over the many past years. Ushers do many tasks in preparation for a worship service each Sunday (just check the full page list found in the Narthex to see how varied and many the tasks are). We appreciate how each person who has served has given time before, during, and after the worship services. Without you, we would not have as smooth running a service as we do on Sundays.

But now we need more people to sign up to be ushers. It takes four people each Sunday to do this work. It is not strenuous but it does require some standing. You can sign up for a full month (most desirable) or for just one Sunday but please volunteer if at all possible. We especially need volunteers to usher in January and February. If you will be at church, it only takes a little extra time before and after the service. Watch for the sign up chart in the Narthex or on the bulletin board outside the office or down in the Social Hall. We will try to make it convenient for you to sign up.

We are also looking for an usher coordinator. If you can help by making phone calls to fill in the gaps where no one has signed up on the chart, it would be very helpful. Call Kay Gorman at 301-946-3274 to volunteer.

Thank you in advance to our future usher angels!

--Kay Gorman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG....

The Christian Education Commission and Commission to the Community are grateful to the Warner and Learning Center for Young Children (L.C.Y.C.) families that donated new socks for children at **Crossway Community** and the women at **Rainbow Place**.

Donations included 131 pairs of children's socks and 94 pairs of women's socks, all of which were collected during the Advent season.

Everyone's generous gifts will help take away some of the winter chill in the upcoming months.

Thank you!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

The Christian Education Commission offered a gift of a Parents' Night Out to Learning Center and Warner families on December 7, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Jan Moody, with the help of Hannah Cope, Grace Hill, Simon Winter, and Charlotte Cook, hosted an evening of dinner, winter crafts, games, storytelling, and a Christmas video. Twelve children, ages two to ten attended. It was great fun and we hope to offer a similar program in 2014.



--Jan Moody

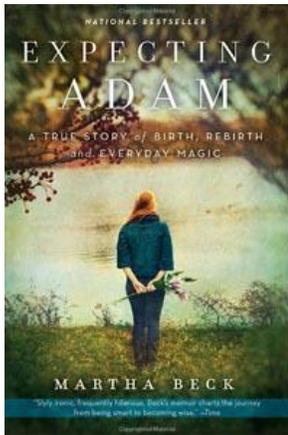
SAVE THE DATE! LCYC'S ANNUAL WINTERFEST

On **Saturday, February 8**, you're invited to the Warner Learning Center's annual "Winterfest" featuring games, bake sale, lunches, a silent auction and lots of entertainment. Come and enjoy . . . invite your neighboring families, too!

-- Karen Murphy

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

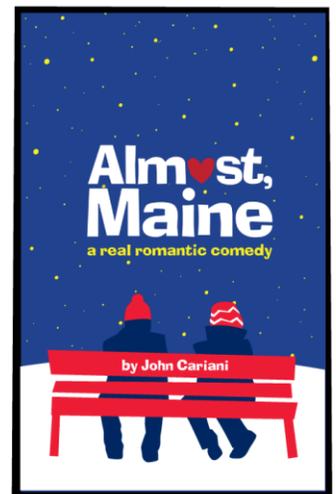
JOY CIRCLE—WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB PLANS



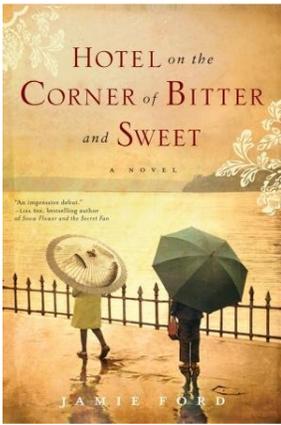
We will meet on **Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30PM in the Common Room** for our third Book Club event. The book of the evening is, **“Expecting Adam”** by Martha Beck. From the web, “John and Martha Beck had two Harvard degrees apiece when they conceived their second child. Further graduate studies, budding careers, and a growing family meant major stress- not that they'd have admitted it to anyone (or themselves). As the pregnancy progressed, Martha battled constant nausea and dehydration. And when she learned her unborn son had Down syndrome, she battled nearly everyone over her decision to continue the pregnancy. She still cannot explain many of the things that happened to her while she was expecting Adam, but by the time he was born, Martha, as she puts it, "had to unlearn virtually everything Harvard taught [her] about what is precious and what is garbage."

On Friday, January 31st, we were scheduled to have a book club gathering. However, we have decided to cancel that meeting and gather instead on **Saturday, Feb 8th to attend the play, “Almost, Maine” at Einstein High School.** The show will start at **7:00PM** and we’ll meet afterward at Sue Burns’ home, which is conveniently located just a few blocks from Einstein, for refreshments and Fellowship.

From the play’s website, “... Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that’s so far north, it’s almost not in the United States—it’s almost in Canada. And it almost doesn’t exist. Because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it’s just... Almost. One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost’s residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same...”



This is a charming play that features both Jordan Hill and Kyle Smeallie. Proceeds will be used to help fund the A.E.H.S. theater program’s trip to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival next August. Please contact Lisa Smeallie (lcsmeallie@comcast.net) if you are interested. Tickets are expected to be \$10.



For those who plan/read ahead, the next Book Club event will now be on Friday, February 21st, time and place to be determined. The book selection for that evening is “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet”, which, per Wikipedia, “... is a bestselling novel (2009) by Jamie Ford about the love and friendship between Henry Lee, a Chinese boy, and Keiko Okabe, a Japanese girl, during the Japanese internment in World War II. They both attend an otherwise white prep school as "scholarship students" in Seattle. Henry's father is adamantly anti-Japanese, as is the increasingly hostile general population of Seattle following the Attack on Pearl Harbor. In spite of this, Henry and Keiko begin an intense friendship until Keiko is taken to an internment camp with her family...” Please plan to join us and invite others who may be interested. Also, if you are willing to host this event at your home or suggest a venue, please contact Lisa Smeallie or Sue Burns.

REFLECTIONS CIRCLE

We will meet on Sunday, January 12 in the Warner parlor from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. to continue discussion of the Horizon’s Bible Study, “An Abiding Hope.” This month, as we continue to follow the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt, we will learn about how “God Provides.” Joy Circle will finish up the book of Ruth in the series “Uppity Women of the Bible” in February.

THAI WOMEN’S HANDICRAFT PROJECT

Since 2009, PW of Warner has supported women and children in northern Thailand through the sales of articles made by The Women’s Sewing Cooperative of Huaikrai. In October, June Eakin held a sale at St. Matthews Presbyterian and in November at a local school holiday bazaar. **These events sold just over \$1,000 (the minimum amount we send as a check to Thailand).** Thank you for your support of this project.



We have sold most of the inventory and plan to ship the remainder to another church to find a market for these goods. Do you know someone who might want to support this mission to reduce human trafficking through dignified work for women?

NEW OFFICERS

On Sunday, January 12th, Susan Burns will be installed as Moderator and Karen Cook will be installed as Secretary, both for two-year terms.

PW WINTER RETREAT AT CLAGGETT CENTER, JANUARY 17-19

We are returning to the Claggett Center for a Winter Retreat in Adamstown, Maryland. The dates are January 17-19, 2014; the program, "God's Magic Kingdom," is planned and coordinated by Rev. Monique Ellison and Barbara DeLorenzo, both from St. Christopher's Church (Episcopal) in Linthicum, Maryland. There will be worship, small group work, and free time to enjoy Claggett environs; no formal program after dinner on Saturday. Lodging and meetings will be in Doll cottage. Accommodations are double occupancy bedrooms with shared bathrooms. The cottage is handicap-accessible. The \$190 fee includes two nights and all meals from Friday 5:00 pm to Sunday 11 am. The fee for one night only is \$145. Contact June Eakin or register directly through: <https://www.claggettcenter.org/register.php>. We will carpool!

Adamstown is about 45 minutes away from Kensington, near Sugarloaf Mountain. Begin the New Year by joining women from many churches as we ask, "How do we see God's Kingdom and keep our faith strong in today's world?" There are spaces available; financial assistance can be provided for those who would like to attend but find the fee prohibitive.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE--STEWARDSHIP

NEW PLEDGE NUMBERS FOR 2014

We have reorganized our pledge numbering system for 2014, to save money and make our pledge system more efficient. Many of you will be assigned new pledge numbers. Please check the number on your 2014 envelopes to see if the number has changed. If it has, please write the new number of your 2014 checks and throw away any unused envelopes from previous years. Thank you for your help with this change. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Allen or Ruth Harvey.

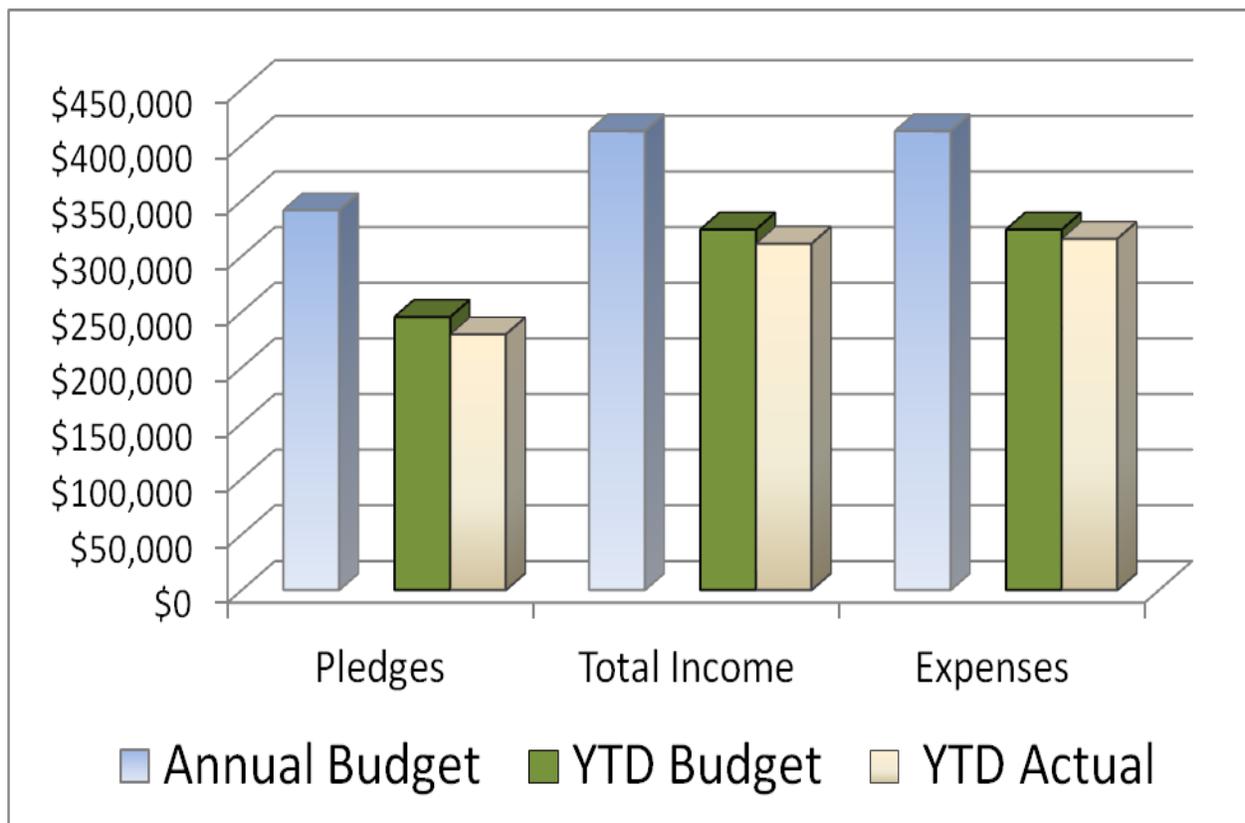
Beginning on **Sunday, January 5**, you may pick up your new 2014 pledge envelope boxes. You will find them in the Narthex before and during worship, and then in the Social Hall during the fellowship time. We appreciate any and all folks who remember to pick up their envelopes, as it saves the church some postage required to mail them. If you do not find a box with your name, please contact Sharon Allen.

PER CAPITA ANNOUNCEMENT

In each box of pledge envelopes, you will find a special envelope for the annual “Per Capita” contribution. **For 2014, the amount per-capita is \$36.** Every church in the National Capital Presbytery is required to submit its “per capita” for each member early in the calendar year; this supports PC (USA) regional and national ministries. All individual contributions help Warner Church by reducing the amount that otherwise must come out of our annual budget. **Thank you!**

WMPC FINANCES YEAR-TO-DATE NOVEMBER 30, 2013

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Pledges	\$341,309	\$269,969	\$253,328
Total Income	\$412,460	\$356,319	\$341,404
Expenses	\$412,460	\$356,319	\$343,318
Net Income (Loss)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,914)



WARNER PEOPLE

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Brigid Gillette, Holly Trout
3 Ana Pinkus, Babs Sausser,
Kate Zimmerman
5 John Locher
6 John Morris
7 Bob Lynch, Clem Trott
9 Janet Tennent
10 Ben Cope
14 Richard Kuzmyak
15 Kathy Stell
17 Nancy Lawrence Hill, Amy Beth
Horman

18 Sue Maddox
21 Max Carroll
22 Lillian Gardner
25 Virander Datta
26 Usha Soni, Kyle Smeallie
27 Jackson Trott
29 Judy Agee, Norm Carlson
30 Donna McNeil
31 Hilary Bragg



STEPHEN MINISTRY OFFERS CONFIDENTIAL CARING

Our congregation is blessed to participate in the Stephen Ministry, a nationwide support program. This program provides concerned, confidential listening by trained caregivers. To find out more about Stephen Ministry or to receive such care, please contact Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or Rev. Hill at the church office (301-949-2900).

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Austermilller, Warner member, passed away on Sunday, December 1, 2013, after a long illness. Margaret was Susan Bresee's mother, and a dear grandmother and great grandmother as well. She had served Warner Memorial as a choir member for several years. Please keep the Bresee family in your prayers.

Also in December, Sharon Click passed away. Although not a Warner member, Sharon worshiped among us in recent years whenever she was able. She had been residing at Kensington Park Retirement Center. Please remember her loved ones in your prayers.

FEBRUARY MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the February Warner MEMO by **Monday, January 20**. To all of our contributors: You may send your material via disk of typed hardcopy to the church office, or via e-mail to memo@warnermemorial.org. ... and we thank you for your contributions!

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