

October, 2013

THE WARNER MEMO



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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[Online October Calendar](#)

WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday
2 Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
“Rooting for Uprooting”

Sunday, October 13

Warner hosts joint worship service
with First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar.
Pastor Carl Davis will be preaching.

Sunday, October 20

2 Timothy 3:14-3:5; Luke 18:1-8
“Persistent In Two Directions”

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday
Joel 2:23-29; Luke 18:9-14
“Before We Pray”

TWO OCTOBER EVENTS—YOU ARE INVITED !

- ✚ **“GLORY TO GOD”** – This **Saturday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Warner Memorial Social Hall, we celebrate the new Presbyterian hymnals. Join the sing-along (led by song leader Amanda Powell – see page 5) followed by a potluck supper. **Bring a friend !**

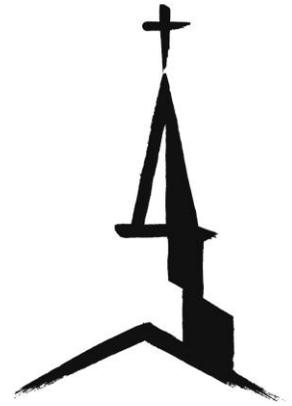
Note—It’s not too late to dedicate a new hymnal! The forms are in the Narthex and the church office for your selected dedications. The cost is \$20 for each hymnal that you wish to dedicate.

- ✚ **WARNER’S SILENT AUCTION AND TEA** will be in the Social Hall on Saturday, October 26, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All proceeds from sales of the donated items and services will fund our Community Commission’s mission projects, near and far. Silent Auction forms are available on the bulletin board in our main hallway. For more information, please contact Barbara Shaw (301-493-5133) or the church office (301-949-2900). **Bring your neighbors !**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

In a book on his life called *Brother to a Dragonfly*, Baptist minister Will Campbell recalls how his friend had badgered him for a succinct definition of Christianity. There was no desire for a long or fancy explanation. “In ten words or less, what’s the Christian message?” Campbell obliged his friend: “We’re all bastards but God loves us anyway,” he said. To which his friend replied, “If you want to try again, you have two words left.” I thought about revising the story to use something other than the ‘b’ word there, but I decided that word was part of the power of Campbell’s story and the gospel story. I would be hard-pressed to express our Christian faith so succinctly. I have a hard time doing it even in 15 to 20 minute sermons.



There are some churches that use their church signs to express thoughts about God and life. We tend not to use our changeable letter sign that way. But I do think that when we have our elevator tower in place on Connecticut Avenue (construction is due to begin this month, made possible by a lot of you making sacrificial gifts of money and time), it will carry more than just people from one floor to another. It will carry a succinct message that may be stronger than a verbal one about God’s welcome as we become more of a house of prayer for all people. We can even think of the elevator as something that reminds us how God comes down to our level. I don’t know how many people the elevator tower will attract, in terms of people visiting us out of the blue. But its presence will at least give additional integrity to who we are as a community of faith that tries to get rid of obstacles that keep people from an encounter with God. I believe these encounters are often richest when experienced within a community of faith.

Since Will Campbell had two words left over, perhaps we can at least figure out what two words we will say when the elevator is completed. Do you think “Glory Hallelujah!” would suffice?

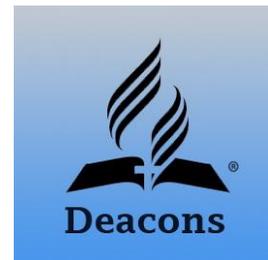
With joy and gratitude,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

BOARD OF DEACONS

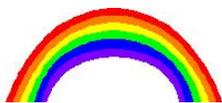
THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE DEACONS...

It has been a busy few weeks for the deacons... In addition to our regular duties of delivering flowers, taking communion to the home-bound, etc., several deacons staffed the Mid-county United Ministries (MUM) booth at the Kensington Labor Day parade-festival. We distributed brochures and information about purchasing non-perishable groceries to be donated to MUM's food pantry. As a result, 267 pounds of groceries was collected at the Kensington Safeway as well as \$107 in cash to help MUM. Thanks to all who helped!



The following Sunday, the deacons hosted the annual Rally Day picnic. Thanks go to the congregants for bringing such a delicious array of salads and desserts, and for clean-up help. Thanks to many deacons for set-up help, grilling, and clean-up. Special thanks to Scott Bunn for setting-up most of the tables along with Blake Landfair, and also many of the youth who set up chairs. Many hands made lighter work, and a good time was had by all!

Following through on an idea originally developed by the Outreach and Fellowship Commission, the deacons have purchased Warner's own reusable grocery tote bags. Soon, Warner members and friends can bring grocery donations for MUM, Rainbow Place, and for MANNA in these new totes. Thanks to many for making this bag possible: Tim Cook for the art work, Pam Dunn and the Outreach Commission for the original plan, Deacon Steve Dunn for coordinating our plan, and to Deacon Paul Perkins for suggesting to the board that such a bag would help Warnerites remember to bring their donations to church. The tote bags are ordered and will soon be available, so stay tuned to announcements in church and in bulletins.



Also, stay tuned for information about our coordinating the serving of dinners at **Rainbow Place** shelter this winter, and other projects...

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

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

COMMUNITY – MISSION

“A SEASON OF PEACE”

On **Sunday, October 6 (World Communion Sunday)**, Warner Memorial joins with Presbyterian churches nationwide in celebration of the annual Peacemaking Offering. Proceeds from this special offering support community-building projects in the United States and overseas, such as the RECONCILE International Peace Institute in the South Sudan.

Warner’s discretionary 25% of the offering will assist three groups our Community Commission recommends: the **Family Tree** (a Maryland-based social service organization that helps families under duress with education, parenting, and counseling); the **Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington**; and the **Jerusalem International YMCA**. *We ask for prayers for the ongoing success of these organizations.*

Please find a **Peacemaking Offering** envelope available during October in the Sanctuary pew racks. Please make your checks payable to Warner Memorial Church and note that the money is for the Peacemaking Offering. We give gratitude to God and thanks to all who participate in this “Season of Peace.”

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR “TWO CENTS-A-MEAL” PROGRAM!



This month, our discretionary portion of the donations to the “2-Cents-a-Meal” program will assist **Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry**, which helps low-income families in our area. On Sunday, **October 20**, we’ll roll out the little red wagon for your coins, dollars and checks.

Thanks to all who contribute to this vital project!

✚ Every day of the week, you can help feed adults and children in our community who are struggling below the poverty level. Please remember to bring cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the Mid-county United Ministries (MUM) pantry. Together, we can continue to fill the big wooden “**For I was hungry. . .**” barrel in the Warner narthex every week. Thank you!



“Now may the Lord of peace . . . give you peace at all times in all ways.”

-- 2 Thessalonians 3:16

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: GLOBAL MUSIC/NEW HYMNAL WEEKEND

Beginning at 4:00 PM in the Social Hall of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, all ages are invited to join with song leader Amanda Powell for ***Glory to God: an international community sing and meal.***

Come “sing with the whole world”, as we explore global hymns from our new hymnal, *Glory to God*. This joyful evening will be fun and engaging for all ages. Even if you don’t consider yourself a “singer”, come experience these glorious hymns from around the world! After a time of singing together, we will enjoy a potluck supper.

Here is a snapshot bio of our song leader:



Amanda Powell works ecumenically to engage people in vibrant, connected worship particularly through the experience of singing together. She has led worship and workshops for a number of international church events including the United Church of Christ General Synod, The United Methodist Women’s Assembly, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Conference at Montreat and for the World

Council of Churches.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WARNER YOUTH--UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Saturday, Oct. 5: 4:00-6:00---Sing-A-Long in Social Hall with Amanda Powell followed by supper. (Following the sing-a-long, youth are welcome to eat and hang out on the church’s top floor---ping pong table and games will be set up.)

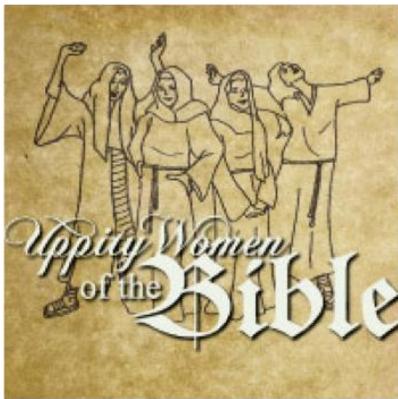
Thursday evening, Oct. 17 - Friday morning, October 18: Movie Night and Sleep-Over at Warner Church.

October 26: 3:00-5:00- An opportunity to earn service hours and have fun providing child care during the Warner Silent Auction.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

For Women of Warner-- One Size Does NOT Fit All!

After the most pleasant summer in many a moon, Warner's women are back in the saddle with belts buckled (to mix a metaphor) and gearing up for a busy autumn. Chances are, you have already heard/read about some of the changes afoot.



JOY CIRCLE

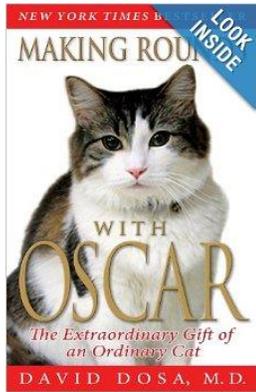
We are so jazzed about the “Uppity Women in the Bible” video we kicked-off in September. The first module in this series is covering the Old Testament story of Ruth and it got rave reviews from those who attended. This is not your Mama’s bible study. Those of us who thought we were familiar with the book were amazed with new discoveries in the first session and found the unique style of the leader very engaging. We will continue this series in the Common Room on the **second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in November, February, and April.** Please plan to join us and remember there is no preparation required on your part, just show up, find a seat, and enjoy.



2013-2014 BIBLE STUDY

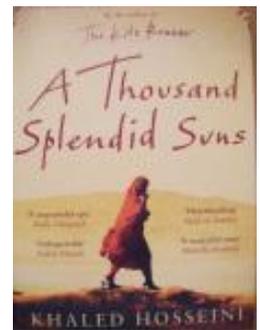
Reflections Circle will be meeting in the parlor **the second Sunday of the month, October 13th, from 9:30-10:30AM.** This year the group will be using the Horizons Bible Study, “An Abiding Hope”. The books of Exodus and Deuteronomy invite us to remember that the central actor in human experience — in our own lives and in the experiences described in Exodus and Deuteronomy—is God. The author, Janice Catron invites us to explore Exodus and Deuteronomy with her and see together the promise of what our relationship with God can be and the realities of what that relationship often becomes. It is God our Redeemer who, by grace, gives us the power to help ourselves and others live into the fullness God intends for us, and to move forward as people who have been set free. Try out Reflection Circle meeting conveniently on Sunday mornings.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



The excitement continues for PW as we look forward to our first Book Club event, scheduled **for Tuesday, October 8th at 7:30PM in the Common Room**. We will be discussing, “Making Rounds with Oscar”. Oscar, one of several resident cats at the Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rhode Island, has an uncanny ability to sense, instinctively, when one of the patients at the facility is getting ready to die. After over fifty correct calls by Oscar, Dr. David Dosa, a geriatrician and assistant professor of medicine at Brown University, began to investigate this phenomenon and, in 2007, published an article about it in the New England Journal of Medicine. We understand a love of cats is not a required to enjoy this book; it is not all about the cat! Come, even if you didn't read the book!

On Friday, October 8th at 7:30PM we will meet to discuss, “A Thousand Splendid Suns,” Khalid Hosseini's second novel. This story of love and sacrifice covers three decades of anti-Soviet jihad, civil war and Taliban tyranny seen from the perspectives of two women, Mariam and Laila who become allies in a battle with the husband they have in common, Rasheed, whose violent abuse is endorsed by custom and law. The author paints a forceful portrait of despotism where women are dependent on male relatives--on fathers, husbands and especially sons, the bearing of male children being their only path to an accepted social status. Please plan to join us in this new endeavor. The goals are to enjoy fellowship with other women and some interesting conversation. And with that in mind, if you have a friend who might be interested, feel free to invite her along. This is an open and welcoming group – the more the merrier.



2013 FALL GATHERING WITH BIBLE STUDY

OVERVIEW – Saturday, October 5, Ebenezer

Presbyterian Church. Please contact June Eakin if you are planning to attend. Since this location is a “far piece” we will plan to carpool. Also since there is the **Glory to God Hymn Sing and Potluck** at Warner that afternoon and

evening, we will plan to leave the gathering around 2:30.

SUPPORTING PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AT WARNER AND BEYOND Over the years, women and men at Warner have generously supported PW. **This group is entirely “self-funded” and the pledges and donations are happily used to support a variety of mission efforts, near and far.** Please consider prayerfully how you can continue to support PW at Warner and beyond with your monetary pledges and donations. We thought it may be helpful to highlight with you some of the facilities and efforts you have helped to support financially and otherwise:

 **Rainbow Place** As a mission of Rockville Presbyterian Church, **Rainbow Place** is dedicated to showing and sharing Christ's love by providing winter overnight shelter to homeless women in a safe, caring environment. The supportive staff treat all guests with dignity and compassion. Rainbow serves an average of 90 women each season, mostly from Montgomery County. The majority of the women are newly homeless within the past 12 months; some have been homeless for many years. While many are employed or receive public assistance, all of Rainbow's women are considered to be at the lowest level of poverty, unable to afford a modest apartment for themselves or for their family. Rainbow Place serves as a gateway into the Continuum of Care for the homeless in the County and works with numerous agencies to meet the needs of the women who are served at the shelter. This past year Rainbow Place provided food and shelter to 70 women.

COURTNEY'S HOUSE has proven successful in the rescue and trauma recovery process of U.S. children and teens who are victims of domestic minor sex trafficking.



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS (PCCH) is a residential childcare provider that understands the awesome responsibilities we assume as we strive to meet our mission of "Giving Children Hope & Purpose for the Future." We provide an atmosphere of love and concern that enables the child to grow and mature physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally and socially. We also understand that the child's ties to his or her family are strong and therefore we work to form and strengthen a bridge between the two so that hopefully the family can eventually assume its rightful place in the child's life. Since 1919, the Home has been caring for abused, neglected, and battered children in the Appalachian Region of Virginia.

THE PW MISSION PLEDGE helps fund the mission work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and largely finances the operating budgets of Presbyterian Women at the churchwide, synod, presbytery and congregation levels. Contributions to the Mission Pledge support the church's evangelism, church planting, education and justice work as well as ministry to children, youth, older adults, new immigrants, rural, urban and suburban populations across the United States and around the world. The largest beneficiary of the PW mission pledge is the denomination. Without the mission pledge, the church's ministry in the world would shrink. For Presbyterian Women, the mission pledge makes possible programs, resources, scholarships, events and much more.



Stay tuned for more information in the November Warner Memo for details regarding the 2014 PW Thank Offering as well as the PW 2014 Annual Meeting on November 10th.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

WARNER-LCYC WORK-DAY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9



Please save the date! On Saturday, November 9, we'll have a fall work-day here at Warner Church. All are invited, including Learning Center parents. Indoors, the main project will be painting the hallway wall in the classroom wing of the ground floor. Meanwhile, if the weather permits, we'll also have some outdoor work projects to tackle.

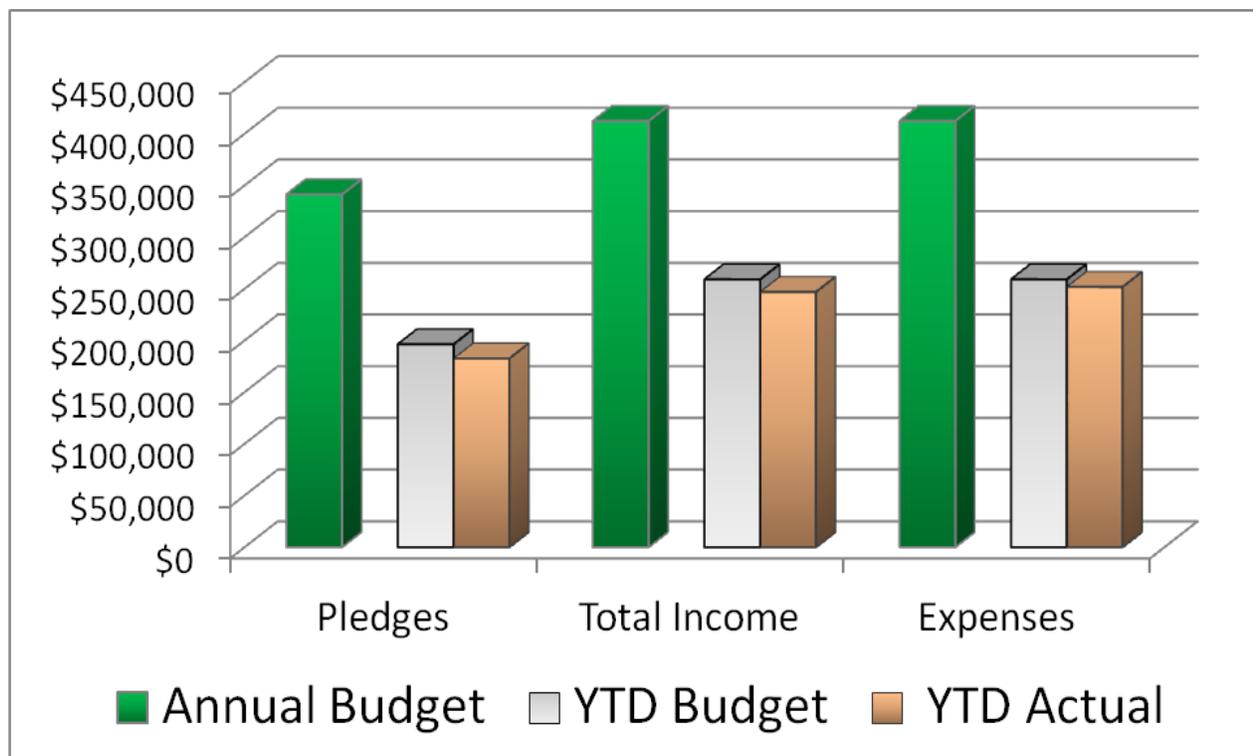
So, you are invited. Please come, join in the camaraderie, and help us spruce up some areas of our building and grounds.

-- Susan Kline

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

WMPC FINANCES YEAR-TO-DATE AUGUST 31, 2013

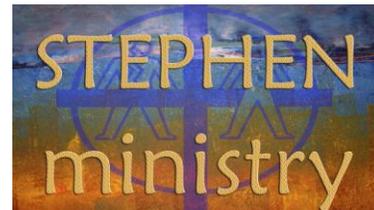
	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Pledges	\$341,309	\$196,341	\$182,600
Total Income	\$412,460	\$259,141	\$246,969
Expenses	\$412,460	\$259,141	\$251,850
Net Income(Loss)	\$0	\$0	-\$4,881



WARNER PEOPLE

STEPHEN MINISTRY—CONFIDENTIAL, CHRISTIAN-BASED SUPPORT

Do you – or does someone you know and care about – feel the need for a trained Stephen Minister? This program is designed to help individuals “get through” some of life’s rough patches. Losses, for example the death of a loved one, a serious or debilitating illness, and unemployment are among the issues that can cause an overwhelmed person to need the help of a caring listener. That’s what Stephen Ministry caregivers do – listen and care – with God’s love and guidance. For more information, please call Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or contact Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill at Warner Memorial Church (301-949-2900).



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Alison Heafitz
- 6 Benjamin Bresee, Max Kuzmyak
- 8 Phil Och
- 9 Michael Carlson
- 17 Lara Brodsky
- 19 Katherine Locher
- 21 Mark Bocchetti
- 23 Lisa Smeallie
- 24 Brian Whiteman, Chris McGrath, Alex Bannon
- 25 Jim Bresee, Paula Simenauer
- 28 Harry Trout
- 29 Ila Trautvetter, Kelsey Moody

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER MEMO ISSUE

Please note that the deadline for submitting articles and notices for the November Warner Memo will be **Sunday, October 20**. To make it easier to remember, we’re going to make the 20th of each month the deadline, until further notice. 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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