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FROM THE PASTOR - That's God Calling



Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee’s sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

Mark 1:16-20

Earlier this week, your Session read this same passage of Scripture. We read the above at the very beginning of our May meeting, and no, it wasn’t by happenstance. I chose it special. You see, the church is getting ready to call your next pastor. But before we got into all of the Presbyterian-ese, all the handbooks, guides and actual books, all of the checklists and forms, I wanted us to see how Jesus called folks. Because he followed a slightly different process. I know, I know, understatement of the year. LOL! Of course, we’re not Jesus, we’re Presbyterians, so everything will be done decently and in order.

All kidding aside (by the way, as an aside, I really only kid with people I like), but all kidding aside, this is an exciting time for the church. It’s going to take some time, there will be all sorts of hoops to jump through, it’s going to take lots and lots of energy and just as much patience, there will be multiple meetings of the congregation and

untold number of PNC meetings, but trust and know that you're on your way to your next called and installed pastor here at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church.

This is really just the beginning, so again, there's a whole lot to do. But on Monday, May 20th, your Session met with our Committee on Ministry (COM) Liaison, and we approved sending written correspondence to Presbytery requesting permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). That's the first order of business. The second order will be nominating and electing a PNC. That's a big job. Huge, actually. Weekly meetings—you need to be here regularly. I won't say religiously (or maybe I just did). It takes a lot of time, church. And not just time, but energy. This is very strenuous work. And that doesn't even scratch the surface, because more than anything else, this is a spiritual endeavor. But your Nominating Committee is on the job, and will be working toward a slate of candidates as soon as possible.

In the meantime, keep the church in your prayers. And know that we'll be keeping you up-to-date each step of the way.

Godspeed!

Rev. Todd

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 2

7th Sunday of Easter

John 21:17-21

Rehabilitation

Lord's Supper

Sunday, June 9

Pentecost

Youth Sunday/Graduate

Recognition

Genesis 11:1-9 & Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, June 16

Trinity Sunday

Acts 19:23-31

The Riot Life

Sunday, June 23

Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Baptism

Acts 20:7-12

Bored to Death

Sunday, June 30

Ordinary Time

Scripture & Sermon TBD

Guest Preacher



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Two WMPC Youth Graduates Off To College Soon!

Simon Winter and Calvin McGlade are set to begin their undergraduate studies in the fall of 2019. We celebrate with these graduates in worship on June 9, during a youth-led service called Youth Sunday. This service serves as the capstone for participation in CE offerings for youth, and will include a children's message by Paula Nina-Tinong, an artwork message by Sophie deJesus, and a message by Simon Winter. At the conclusion of the service, during the 'sending forth,' CE will present graduates with study Bibles that they may carry with them along the next steps of their vocational preparation. Let us give thanks for the witness of Simon and Calvin in the world of higher education.

Calvin McGlade will be attending Emerson College in Boston where he will study filmmaking (www.emerson.edu). Calvin has already developed film skills at Montgomery Blair High School, where he has also been involved in robotics. Simon Winter will be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County as a Sondheim Scholar: a four-year, merit-based scholarship under the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program. In addition to receiving funding, Simon will enter into a learning community that focuses on "addressing urgent social problems alongside communities through service-learning, internships, activism, and research" (sondheim.umbc.edu/about/).

Both Calvin and Simon have served in various ways at Warner Memorial Presbyterian. Both have helped the community to hear worship by operating the sound board in the balcony and by serving

as youth liturgist. Calvin has been particularly involved with the sound board. Both have assisted with Vacation Bible School. Calvin has regularly assisted in the nursery during worship, while Simon has regularly served in Rainbow Place. Their most recent service is as follows: Simon became a ‘youth carbon analyst’ in a program I initiated in late 2018 to inventory and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the ~100 churches in our presbytery; his work has contributed to the creation of a draft climate action plan for the presbytery to be presented to the Earth Care Network on June 1. Calvin filmed the presentation of our guest speaker for this year’s Lenten Dinner Series: Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull.

We feel that Simon and Calvin’s formative educational experiences inside and outside the walls of Warner Memorial Presbyterian’s church building have prepared them well for the next steps of their faith journey where they will increasingly assume responsibility in the world. This home church community will continue to pray for them.

The Christian Education Commission invites you to celebrate with our graduates on June 9 during worship and after worship during fellowship.

Dave Grace, C.E. Director

COMMISSION TO THE COMMUNITY

Field Trip To Interfaith Works June 15

The Commission to the Community is sponsoring a field trip to Interfaith Works on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Here's why you should come!



Consider these questions recently posed by Rev. Karen Chalmers, Director of Congregational Development and Mission, National Capital Presbytery, in her monthly publication, *Mission Impact*:

- How well do you know your church's context?
- When is the last time you walked around the neighborhood and talked with those who live near you?
- Do you know their deepest needs?

Then I would also ask you to consider that our "neighborhood" our "community" actually includes all of Montgomery County. In the same document Rev. Karen says,

When a congregation loses connection with its context, it becomes isolated from the greater community. It may still continue to serve its members with great worship, education and fellowship - but by losing connection with those in the community outside its doors it loses an opportunity to BE the church where it is planted.

You may know that Warner has a long relationship with Interfaith Works. We have volunteered in the Clothing Center; we've taken them gifts from under our Angel Tree, and periodically the contents

of the toy box into which members of our congregation anonymously place gifts for a poor child on our own birthdays. Yearly, the Commission to the Community makes a financial contribution to help IW provide backpacks for children from poor families so that they too can return to school with the supplies they need to succeed. Shane Rock, CEO of IW, came to Warner and explained the organization's goals - not only to be a safety net for impoverished individuals and families, but also to help them to build skills to raise themselves out of poverty. And both in 2017 and 2018, Warner's Choir participated in an Interfaith Concert held to benefit IW Clothing Center. However, consider this - even today, some residents of Montgomery County think there is no one below the poverty level living in Montgomery County! Not true. Look at the blow-up of the Interfaith Works Annual Report on the Commission to the Community bulletin board which is across from our church office, and please use this link to visit and explore their website: <http://www.iworksmc.org>

So, if you would like to enjoy an afternoon learning more about Interfaith Works, Montgomery County's valuable resource for those in need, please join our field trip. We will meet with Monica Barberis-Young, Program Director of Family Services at the Clothing Center, and Mike Grant, Community Engagement & Volunteer Coordinator.

As soon as possible those planning to come with us should:

- ~ Call Dina Bickel in the WMPC office (301) 949-2900. Please give her your name and contact information, and if you are willing to drive, how many persons beside yourself your car can accommodate.
- ~ Plan on having an early lunch before coming.

~ Be at the Warner Parking Lot on the corner of Connecticut Ave. and Prospect Street no later than 11:40 a.m. on Saturday, June 15. (We expect to return by 3:00 p.m.)

~ Those who would like to bring items to donate to the clothing center are invited to do so. Note: They are always in need of new socks and underwear for clients.

I am looking forward to sharing this experience with you.

Ina Rae Kramer

Come to the 2019 One Journey Festival!

What is it? It is a grassroots movement which is 100% run by volunteers. This is the “Second Annual One Journey Festival” and those members of our congregation who went to the First One Journey Festival last spring had a great time! It is free, but requires that you get a ticket. <[Ticket Registration Here](#)>

Why go? It is an opportunity to learn about and celebrate the contributions of refugees and how they enrich our society. Last year Celebrity Chef José Andrés was a presenter. You may know he has a restaurant in DC. (Remember how he fed hundreds in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria?) This year there will be other amazing cooks, artists, dancers, singers, storytellers and demonstrators of accomplishments in technology.

When is it? Saturday, June 29, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Where? Grounds of the Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20016

Who can come? Open to the public, no charge, (although it is possible to make a donation) but you must register beforehand to get your free ticket.

What more must I know? Carrying water and wearing sunscreen and a hat will probably make your day more pleasant, and although there will be food (some of it very interesting) and drink available for sale, if you want to save money, you might want to bring something to eat with you. Limited parking is available in an underground lot on the Cathedral grounds for \$9. Riding the Metro involves a transfer to a bus, and while doable, is a bit complicated. Those who are going from Warner could meet at the church parking lot at 10:30 and carpool. Dina will take names of those who would be interested in carpooling, so please call the office if you want a ride, or are willing to give a ride.

How do I find out more?

Visit <https://www.onejourneyfestival.com/> for more information.

Hope to see you there!

InaRae Kramer

One Great Hour of Sharing Report

This year we collected \$2295 for the One Great Hour of Sharing. This is roughly in line with the amounts collected in the previous six years. People in the United States and around the world will benefit from the gifts that we and other churches have made. The offering assists people suffering from disasters, from hunger, or from the need to strengthen their communities. Thank you for your gifts.

Cory Atwood



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Warner was there! Once again, members of Warner were out in the community encouraging others to join us in becoming more faithful stewards of the world given to us by God. Here's a photo of members of the EST hosting a table at Kensington's Day of the Book Festival.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Summer Schedule

Summer is upon us and now is the time we change the time of our Sunday morning service. **Starting on June 16, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. to worship God and give thanks for our many blessings.** Our main reason for doing this is because our air conditioning is still only at 75% capacity. Starting earlier means that the sanctuary is usually more comfortable. We do not plan to have any outdoor early services this summer.

Give Me a P-I-A-N-O, oh, oh

Did you know that Warner has eight pianos scattered throughout our building? There are two in the sanctuary, two in the choir room, one in the library, one in a classroom upstairs, one in a classroom downstairs, and the grand piano in the social hall. We don't use all of them so it has been decided that we



should dispose of at least two of them. A few of them are fine for beginning pianists or for giving lessons. W&M will make a recommendation to the Session over the summer about which 2-3 pianos to give away or sell.

Kay Gorman

OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

Thanks from the Hospitality Team!



Thanks to all who have contributed to and participated in the Sunday Fellowship Hours this past year. The team approach is still going strong . The final rotation will end June 30 with Team #5 hosting that day.

Because Warner Hospitality appears to have no “off switch”, we will begin our Summer “volunteer” approach starting Sunday, July 7. As in years past, we will look forward to a simpler reception in the Social Hall following the 10:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday, if someone, or “someones” have signed up to host.

Please consult your social planner and “fellowship friends” and find a Summer Sunday you’d like to host between **July 7 and September 1**. Let us know ASAP either by emailing Sue Burns or signing up directly on the schedule posted on the Outreach & Fellowship bulletin board. We encourage you to be creative, consider hosting as a family, or as a group, or reach across your Food & Friends teams. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

Sue Burns



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Coordinating Team Meeting

The PW Coordinating Team will be meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8** in the Trinity Room. This meeting is open to all, so you if would like to join us, please do. The more, the merrier.

2019 Bible Study: God's Promise

Joy Circle meets on **Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.** to continue with our two-year study of the Horizons Bible Study, *God's Promise*. We will finish up Lesson Four: *God with Us When We Seek God*. The primary scripture is 1 Chronicles 28-1-11 and 1 Kings 11-1-13, 29-39. "God summons God's people and especially God's leaders, to work in God's ways and seek God. All are welcome.

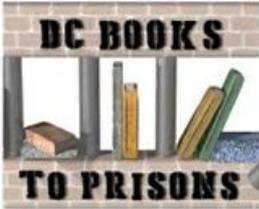
Let's Eat Out!

It won't quite be officially summer, but Warner Women are planning to meet for a dinner out on Tuesday, June 18th – location and time TBD. Please contact Marilyn Victory or June Eakin for more details.

2019/2020 PW Book Club Season – Voting Day!

Come and cast your votes for next year's book selections. We will meet on **Friday June 21, 7:30 p.m.**, at Lisa Smeallie's abode. Lisa has curated dozens of books based on recommendations from all of us, and we will have the opportunity to take a peek and review synopses for each before voting. It is a tough decision!! So many books, so little time. Hope to see you there!

Books to Prisons



Saturday, June 24 will find interested Warner women supporting DC Books to Prisons at Foundry UMC in Washington DC from 9:00-12:00. We spend our time reading inmates' written requests for books and other reading materials, and pen a brief note to accompany each of the orders fulfilled. Folks typically carpool and then meet for lunch afterwards.

Fall Retreat

It's only just summer...and you may not be thinking about fall, but PW is. We urge you to block **Saturday, October 5** now, so you can join us at Bishop Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD for a Warner Women's retreat. It has been a few years since we have held a retreat there, but the grounds are lovely and the new Conference Center is now complete. The PW CT will be planning the "order of the day" throughout the summer. Stay tuned for more details regarding the program and costs, which we hope to include in the July/August Memo. We typically plan to gather around 8:30 a.m. and finish around 4:00 p.m..



NEWS FROM LCYC



Learning Center for Young Children

LCYC has a new logo! Many thanks to Tim Cook for working so hard on our brand-new logo.

Teachers and staff are working really hard to reorganize our classroom space. We hope to be done by the end of June to showcase our beautiful space/classrooms for the new school year.

Story Book Trolley came to LCYC for a Book Fair in May. The children all loved going into the trolley and looking through the wonderful books and hearing some new stories. Story Book Trolley will be back in the fall with more books and timeless classics.



WARNER PEOPLE



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WARNER WELCOMING STATEMENT

All people are of sacred worth and God loves everyone without exception. We welcome all people into our worship, fellowship, membership, and leadership. Believers, seekers, and doubters are all welcome at Warner. We are an affirming and supportive spiritual community that celebrates God's infinite love, wisdom, and grace through worship, music, education, mission, and fellowship. Though we are all unique, we are united in loving and praising God and in loving each other. We are committed to communing together in such a way that we give witness to Christ's sacrificial life, redeeming death, and glorious resurrection. Loved and accepted by God, our congregation offers love and acceptance to all.

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