

March, 2014

THE WARNER MEMO



During Lent, Celebrate God's Good News at Warner

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

www.warnermemorial.org

[Online March Calendar](#)

WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN MARCH

Sunday, March 2

Communion

Psalm 99; Matthew 17:1-9

“A Touch and a Word”

Ash Wednesday, March 5

7:30 p.m. service

Matthew 6:19-21

“From Forehead to Heart”

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time begins—set your clock forward one hour

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

“Enticement”

Sunday, March 16

Genesis 12:1-3; John 3:1-17

“In Order That the World”

Sunday, March 23

Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-14

“Thirsty”

Sunday, March 30

*Worship at First Baptist, Ken-Gar
(3922 Hampden Street, Kensington)*

John 9:1-41

“What Do We See?”

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

At our recent officers' retreat, we were looking back at a Re-Vision plan that was developed about five years ago that noted things that needed to happen for Warner to reach out to attract new people to the life and ministry of this wonderful congregation. Quite a number of the things on the list are being or have been accomplished. Our website at that point was less than engaging, so it was not a good reflection of who we are as a congregation. Our website now has so many more capabilities, and yes, I do hear from quite a number of our guests that they checked out the website before they first came here. Our Facebook page is another way we are presenting ourselves to those who are curious about us or who want to explore what is going on here. If you haven't checked out these media sites, please do so!



We hope our elevator tower will not just be functional in helping people reach whatever floor they need, but will be a lighthouse on Connecticut Avenue to beckon them to come in. And won't it be a joy to decorate that elevator tower at least during Advent and Christmas, if not also for Easter? Let the ideas begin to flow.

We also have a new wall and will soon have a new door in the narthex of the sanctuary, which is the entryway for many of our guests and an opportunity to make a good first impression. Our greeters on Sunday mornings play an important role, but this new wall, which was constructed for fire safety purposes, can also be a space where we demonstrate a bit of who we are. Let the ideas begin to flow about that as well.

I'm thankful for steps that make it more likely that folks will get here for an initial visit. Let's also remember how important it is to pass that friendship pad, model putting down our own address, so a guest will be more likely to put down their address as well. Then we can follow up on their visit! We do receptions so well – let's be sure to invite and escort guests to our receptions, where we can introduce them to Warner hospitality and introduce them to new friends at the same time.

Some of these big things and little things matter as to whether folks can begin to get a picture of the caring fellowship that is Warner, so that they will come to understand that this would be a great place to grow in faith and relationships.

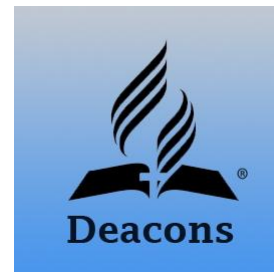
With gratitude for the efforts so many make,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

BOARD OF DEACONS

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

The deacons would like to thank Warner members and friends who assisted us with the preparation and serving of dinners at Rainbow Place shelter at Rockville Presbyterian Church in February. When our dates for serving got changed at the last minute, June Eakin stepped in to help prepare food and serve. Thanks, June!!!



A special word of thanks also goes to Jan Moody who picked up food from members' homes, who because of the snow storm, could not get the food to Warner. Also, thanks to Cheryl Geiger, who prepared food at the last minute! Additionally, on the last Saturday of the month, the Presbyterian Women not only prepared food, but served as well. The women of Rainbow Place always enjoy the food from Warner and wish we would serve there all the time. The next tentative dates to serve will be in November. Thank you Warner!

Did you know that a deacon accompanies Rev. Hill in taking communion to homebound members /friends of Warner? If you would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office or your deacon flock leader. If you are not sure who your flock leader is, please consult the latest church directory.

Stay tuned to the April MEMO for more news from the Board of Deacons!

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

In March, Warner will be helping **Mid-county United Ministries (MUM)** by collecting your donated bags of dried beans – (1 or 2 lb. bags only, please, as MUM's staff is prohibited from opening and dividing the contents among its clients).

Every day, you can help feed low-income adults and children in our community by bringing cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the MUM pantry in Wheaton. Together, we can continue to fill the big wooden "For I was hungry. . ." barrel in the Warner narthex every week. Again, the emphasis this month is to fill the barrel to overflowing with a variety of dried beans, along with our usual donations. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE/MOVIE NIGHT



On **March 4**, the Christian Education Commission and the Environmental Stewardship Team are hosting a **pancake supper at 6:00 pm** and a showing of **two movies at 7:00 p.m.** -- *Chasing Ice* (in the Social Hall) and *Happy Feet* (in the Common Room). Please call the church office, 301-949-2900, if you plan to attend.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES

The season of Lent provides an opportunity to give mindful attention to God's voice and direction in our lives. The season begins on **March 5 with the 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday worship service.**

On subsequent Wednesday evenings, **March 12 and March 19, in the Common Room from 6:00 until 8:00,** a simple meal of soup and bread will be followed by a Bible study on prayer.

On **March 26, April 2, and April 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Jan Moody will host, in her home, a wine and cheese gathering followed by the Bible study, *Wine in the Bible.*** The study will explore references to wine in Scripture with a special focus on how it is a key symbolic element of the Passover meal—central festival of Hebrew Scripture and the Lord's Supper—central festival of the Gospels.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

On **March 9 and 23, and April 6 and 13, join us at 9:30 am in the Common Room** as our “Feasting on the Word” series of Bible lessons continues.

On **March 16, guest speakers Miriam and Steven Foltz** will share their experiences in the Presbyterian Youth Adult Volunteer program.

On **March 30, we will meet for Sunday School at First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar** prior to our joint worship service there.



COMMUNITY

GIVING HOPE AND HELP: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2014



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering gives hope and help to people who need both. It does this through three programs:

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.** This program sends helpers to people who have suffered from some disaster. This often takes the form of rebuilding after a major hurricane, flood, or earthquake. (Warnerites have participated in these.) It may also take the form of grief counseling, and it often goes to less widely known disaster areas. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/>
- **The Presbyterian Hunger Program.** This program provides not only food, but a permanent change in the way food is made available. Examples in recent years have included: providing seeds (not just food) to Haitian refugees from the earthquake; helping farmers in Cameroon develop and manage community grain banks to protect them from price oscillations in the market; and assistance for an immigrant community developing a community garden in Oregon. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/>
- **The Self-Development of People Program.** This program tries to help marginal groups of people get started, getting up to the first rung of the ladder toward full self-sufficiency. These groups may be immigrants in Michigan or women in Bolivia, but they are outside the economic mainstream and need some help getting a start. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop/>

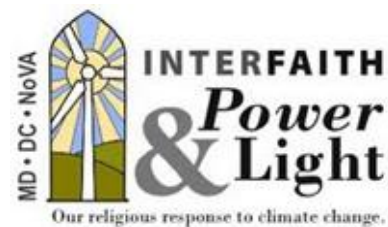
These programs give immediate help that is intended to make a lasting difference. They do not consist only of monetary donations, but also of people with concern and know-how. That is why the offerings we give are so valuable.

This year the offering will be collected on the four Sundays before Easter, March 23 - April 13. Envelopes will be in the pew racks, and they are enclosed in the paper edition of this Memo. Please make checks payable to Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, with OGHS on the memo line. As you think about the good that this offering can do, please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Cory Atwood, for the Commission to the Community

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

On January 31, many of us were surprised to learn that Clean Currents was closing their business. If you are wondering how you can get a low rate on clean electric energy for your home, read on!



Caring folks who pay an electricity bill in DC or Maryland have the opportunity to choose where their electricity comes from, but navigating the many suppliers can be overwhelming and confusing. Interfaith Power & Light (MD.DC.NoVA) is proud to partner with Groundswell to offer a *vendor-neutral process that leverages the purchasing power of a collective* and gives you access to *lower rates and better contracts*.



Over 1600 caring households have already joined the Community Power Program for Homes and saved on their electricity bill. **Will you join with neighbors to come together to form the next clean energy buying group?**

In 2 simple steps, you can support 100% clean energy at a lower price:

1) [Fill out this form](http://www.gwipl.org/cpphomes). (www.gwipl.org/cpphomes). Groundswell will negotiate with electricity suppliers in April and select a winner based on price, clean energy product, and contract terms. You will then receive information in April about the low electricity rate that you'll be eligible for! Filling out this form DOES NOT enroll you with an energy supplier. It simply gives you access to the lower prices that are offered and strengthens Groundswell's ability to negotiate with energy suppliers. The more interest we have, the greater our negotiating power!

2) Then, choose whether you'd like to enroll!

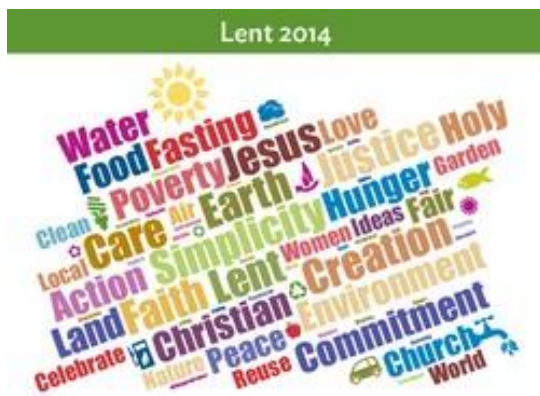
What if I don't use a computer? Contact June or Mark Eakin (301-384-3170), to enroll via telephone and direct mail.

What kind of rate may I expect? The group-negotiated rate in the fall 2013 purchase was 16% less than the cost of switching on your own.

What actually happens when I switch my home to clean energy? Your service will not change when you switch to clean energy and you will still get the same monthly bill from your utility. What does change though is that the money you pay toward your monthly

utility bill will go toward the development of wind & solar farms and away from fossil fuel companies.

The Lent 2014 calendar is available on tables at church or [click here](#).



Known in past years as "Tread Lightly for Lent," this daily calendar is a quick and easy way to stay mindful of all God's creation throughout the season of Lent. As we slow down, reflect, take on spiritual disciplines, and give up distractions during the season of Lent, what parts of God's creation call our attention, remind us of God, or invite us to become more deeply the people God has created us to be? In this calendar are

reflection questions, readings, facts, stories, and suggested actions to draw you more deeply into relationship with God and all God's creation, as you make your way through Lent.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

A huge thank you goes to all the snow shovelers that came out to help clear the sidewalks at church this winter. There was a great deal of camaraderie involved in these endeavors, and a sense of satisfaction of a job well done. However, we have now hired a firm to come and clear the sidewalks if we get over 2 inches of snow. Thanks also to the session members that wiped down everything in the nursery after the officers' retreat. There was a white film of dust everywhere due to the construction of the handicap-accessible bathroom.

WORK DAY IS COMING!

Please join us on Saturday, March 29, 8:00 – 2:00. Call Susan Kline (301-774-9524) if you can help with the **preparation and/or serving of lunch** that day. We will also be starting to strip and wax the **third floor floors** starting this month, so Susan would also appreciate volunteers to move furniture on March 23 and April 6 after church.

Thanks.

---Susan Kline



SESSION

REPORT ON FEBRUARY SESSION MEETING

At its meeting on February 17, the Session gave approval for the baptism of Sydney Garber, which because of extraordinary circumstances, will not take place during a regular Sunday morning worship service. Rev. Hill will officiate and the Session and congregation will be represented at the service, as the Book of Order outlines.

The Session reviewed financial statements. In a construction report, progress continues on the elevator tower and the accessible restroom. Work on a fire safety wall in the narthex is commencing. Problems that have slowed putting the grassy lot up for sale seem to have been addressed. It is hoped that it will be on the market by the end of March.

OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

CAN YOU HELP?

Whether it includes snacks or s'more, Warner's Fellowship hour every week after Sunday worship is a lively gathering for refreshments and conviviality. Your hospitality Committee (part of Outreach & Fellowship) invites you to join the too-short list of those people who provide the food, drinks, and preparation on Sundays for all to enjoy.



Please note that you can pitch in by simply bringing a snack item or juice to help the ones who are coordinating the fellowship that day.

The sign-up sheet for hosting the Fellowship time is located in our main hallway opposite the church office. Please check with Sue Burns for more information, and to find out how you can help.

Thank you! And please invite and newcomers in worship to stay and join with us for the Fellowship time, if they wish.

NOTE: On the third Sunday each month, Warner celebrates in fellowship with a "Simple Sunday" theme—only light snacks and juices, coffee and tea. This month, Simple Sunday will be on March 16th. Can you help?

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Warner's Presbyterian Women Easter Basket List for patients at The Children's Inn at NIH

Last year the Inn staff said that the Easter baskets we made were a big hit with the kids. They are delighted that we are willing to do it again! Let's get ready!! 50 baskets will fill the bill! We greatly appreciated the contributions folks thoughtfully and generously provided last year. However, we also realized that the Inn's restrictions were tedious and cumbersome to follow. Therefore, the baskets will be assembled by designated Easter Basket Makers with contributed items.

Everyone is welcome to bring items from the list below:

- **Natural** or white baskets no bigger than 8" diameter or 8" square.
- Solid color medium size gift bags, curling ribbon.
- **Green Easter grass.** GREEN ONLY
- ***Medium size plastic bags made specifically for baskets to fit into!!** (Check Michaels, Bruce Variety.)
- Small plush Chicks, Ducks, Bunnies and Lambs. (size like a Ty Beanie Baby)
- **Only** wrapped candy, crackers, energy bars.
- Colored pencils, washable markers.
- Small boxes of crayons: 24 count \$1 at Five Below.
- ***Rolls of white PAPER shelf liner to color upon.**
- Books--Possible topics: Insects, stars, rocks, riddles, jokes, humor, animals, how something works, game rules, classics, manners, ethics.
- Travel size games: Chess, checkers, Old Maid, Fish, Uno, Yahtzee, deck of cards.
- Small pads of paper, little notebooks, puzzles.
- Jump ropes, inflatable balls, mobiles.
- Bandanas, tissues, emery boards, combs. ***(really, really, really important!!)**



Please DO NOT include the following in your offerings:

Branded products: i.e.: Dora, Angry Birds, Spiderman, GI Joes etc.

Bang 'em up/shoot 'em up toys.

Anything messy, gooey, icky, sticky, drippy, bubbly or sprayed: i.e. mace.

Pointy objects: i.e. jacks, pickup sticks, toothpicks, ninja stars.

Loose candy, homemade goodies, hard-cooked, raw or dyed eggs, gum, nuts.

Tambourines, kazoos, noise makers, firecrackers.

Put a reminder on the fridge, the date on the calendar, write it on your palm then tie a string around your finger to start thinking about your contributions now! Pick them up at the grocery or on the way to the cleaners, getting your hair cut, taking the kids to soccer. Don't wait! Don't delay! Do it now! **All contributions should be dropped off in the Common Room BETWEEN MARCH 16-23.** Questions? Call Sheri Daugherty 301-871-9143 for possible answers!

GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

Gifts of Women Sunday started with a special presentation for Sunday School, by Susan Kirk of Justice Ventures International and First Alliance Church of Silver Spring. Her



multimedia educational program described the problem of human trafficking and slavery in the world today and how, as always, the poor are the victims of the appetites of the rich. Justice Ventures International supports the prosecution of human traffickers, the education of judges about the trafficking laws that already exist in their countries, and the rescue and support of people caught in slavery situations.

Pictured: Susan Kirk of Justice Ventures International in our social hall selling the wares of organizations in India and China that support women after they have been rescued from sexual slavery.



This special day, which is always special to Presbyterian Women, was made even more so by the preaching of our very own Jan Moody, the Director of Youth and Educational Ministries at Warner. Jan brings a spirit and light to all of her teaching that inspires adults and children alike.

Pictured: Jan Moody preaching about salt and light for Gifts of Women Sunday.

The service was especially meaningful with an all-female choir program that was put together by Musical Director Kate Carr and organist Alina Belenky.



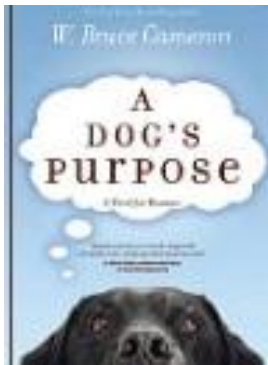
Presbyterian Women cooked for and served at Rainbow Place on Saturday, February 21. Sue Burns, Ginny Atwood, Grace Sooklal, and others, enjoyed food and fellowship with the ladies that evening.

SPRING RETREAT

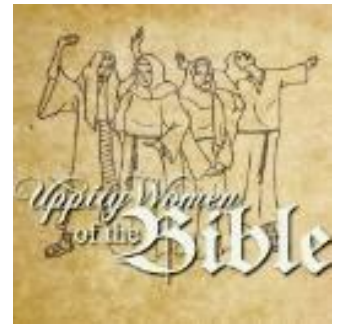
Mark your calendars for a **Spring Breakaway Weekend May 2 – 4** for Warner women (up to 12 people) at the beautiful mountain getaway home of the Bresees in Berkeley Springs, W. Va. Spring should be busting out beautifully at this time. The price per person has not yet been determined but we would like everyone to feel welcome and financial support will be provided for those who think it is beyond their means. We will share the cooking and food costs.

JOY CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

Joy Circle will next meet on March 11 in the church library. We will finish up our study of the book of Ruth by watching the final section in the Uppity Women of the Bible Series. This has been a fascinating, fresh look at the well-known characters of Naomi and Ruth and we encourage anyone who is interested to join us as we discuss how the story applies to our lives today.



The following month (April 8), we will be talking about the book, “A Dog’s Purpose” by W. Bruce Cameron. More than just another charming dog story, A Dog’s Purpose touches on the universal quest for an answer to life's most basic question: Why are we here? Heartwarming, insightful, and often laugh-out-loud funny, A Dog's Purpose teaches us that love never dies, that our true friends are always with us, and that every creature on earth is born with a purpose.



PW OFFERINGS

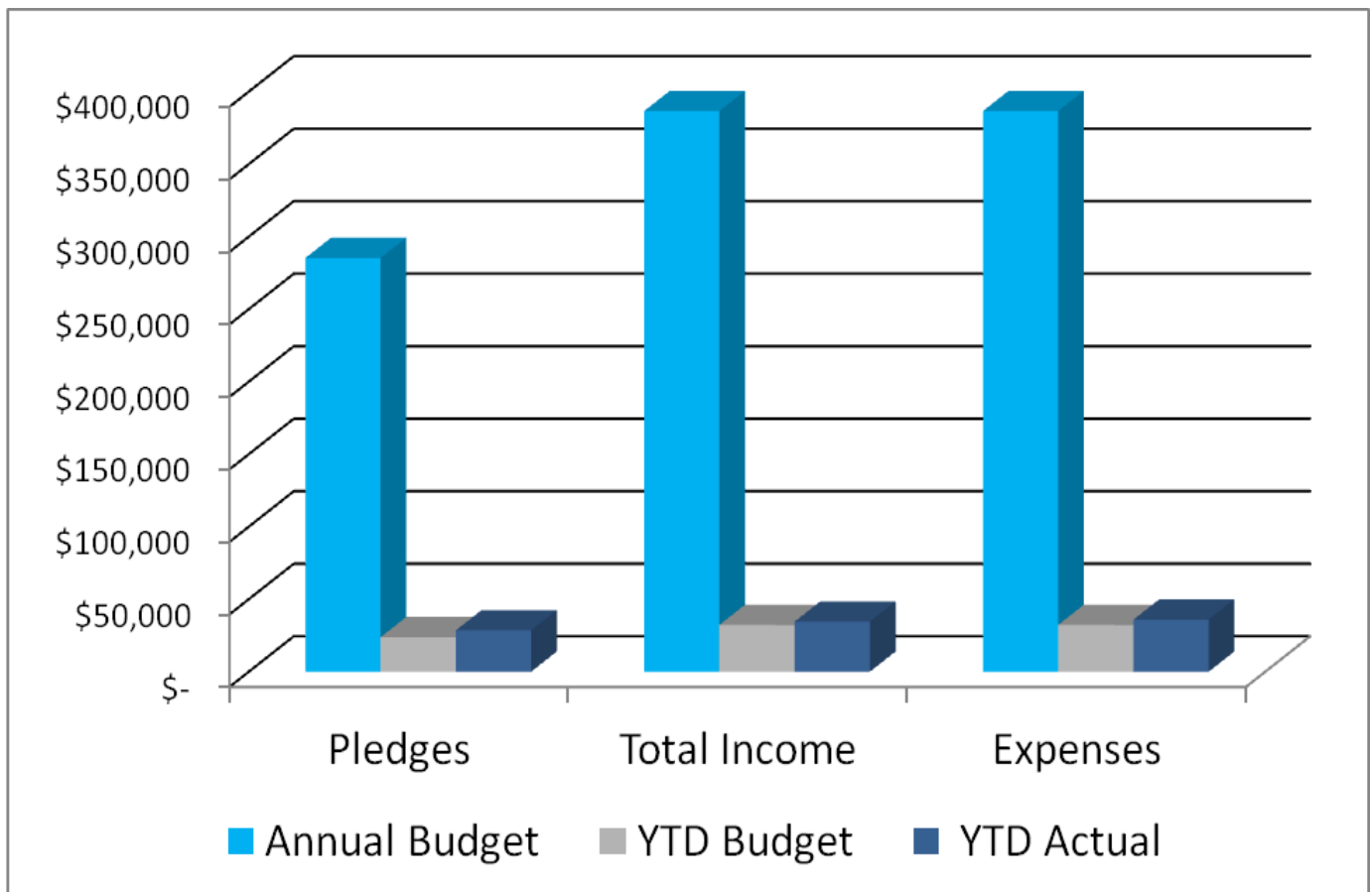
When I give to PW what does my money go to? Your offerings to Warner Presbyterian Women support the wider mission of the PC(USA) AND projects like the Easter baskets for NIH Children’s Inn, Maundy Thursday meal, Fellowship Hours, guest speakers, financial assistance for retreats/conferences and administration. To see our budget, contact Nancy Lawrence Hill, our treasurer!

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Warner's Administration & Finance Commission wishes to thank all members and friends whose giving has made it possible for us to finish 2013 in good financial health and to plan for 2014 with some assumptions that our budget will support this church's ongoing and vital variety of ministries and programs. Please continue with your pledges toward our "access in motion" campaign, which includes the handicapped-accessible lavatory on the main floor and the three-story elevator tower. *Thanks to all for your generosity!*

WMPC FINANCES YEAR-TO-DATE, JANUARY 31, 2014

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Pledges	\$285,230	\$23,769	\$28,495
Total Income	\$386,555	\$32,213	\$34,522
Expenses	\$386,555	\$32,213	\$35,894
Net Income(Loss)	\$-	\$-	\$(1,373)



WARNER PEOPLE

IN MEMORIAM

Jeni Sullivan, a dear, long-time member of Warner Church, passed away on February 7. She and her husband attended for many years, and were lovely people to know. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 2 p.m. here at Warner; a reception will follow the service. Please be in prayer for Jeni's daughter, Sheri Daugherty, and for the extended family.

Colvin Gibson, an active Warner member for many years, died on Friday, February 14. "Gib" and Mary Margaret sang in the church choir, and were very much involved in the Community Commission—especially the Two Cents-a-Meal program. A funeral - memorial service was held at Warner on Monday, February 24. Please keep Colvin's family – children and grandchildren – in your prayers.

“God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

-- Ephesians 2:4-6

A NOTE OF CELEBRATION FROM CAROLYN HOLLIS

Jonathan Brodsky and Morgan Cahn were married in Edinburgh, Scotland, on February 11. They met in Pittsburgh, and have been together for 5 years, the last 3 in Scotland. Jonathan relocated to start a company called *Lucky Frame* (with a friend from Carnegie Mellon University) to make independent video games. His bride completed her Fine Arts degree at Duncan of Jordanstone in Scotland last May.

YOUR NEW WARNER DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

Pick up your copy of the 2014 congregational directory from the narthex table or the table in the main hallway near the office. Many corrections have been made, but some were missed. Paul Magee's telephone is no longer in service. Laura Avery now lives in North Carolina (NC).

STEPHEN MINISTRY FULFILLS A VITAL MISSION

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion.” (Colossians 3:12.) Stephen Ministers provide Christian one-to-one care to folks who are experiencing needs, losses and other overwhelming circumstances. If you or someone close to you would benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Barbara Jaquette or Rev. Hill.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jennifer Letizia
- 2 Abigail Massey, Luke Gillette
- 4 Louise MacDonald, Matthew Carlson
- 5 Diane Schroeder
- 6 Antonio Robinson
- 9 Bruce Bowen
- 10 Larry Pinkus
- 11 Emily Bragg, Dave Carroll
- 12 Kitty Scott, Tim Geiger
- 14 Glee Lohm, Joan Bannon, Geoff Cope
- 15 Kirby Lawrence Hill, Kimberly Moody
- 17 Shalini Puri, Robert Gillette
- 18 Charles Castner
- 19 Pamela Dunn
- 20 Alice Castner, Elizabeth Bunn, Karen Cook
- 24 Ida Yoder
- 25 Ann Jacob Smith
- 26 Robert Swendiman
- 28 Ruth Harvey
- 29 Douglas Seeley, Hannah Cope
- 31 Elnora Gloss, Dawn Rhine

APRIL MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the April Warner MEMO any time before Thursday, March 20. To all of our contributors: You may send your material via disk or 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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