

April, 2014

# THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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## WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN APRIL

### Communion Sunday, April 6

John 11:1-45  
“If the Lord Had Been Here”

### Palm Sunday, April 13

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11  
“Two Realities”

### Maundy Thursday, April 17

1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Sermon: “Proclaiming the Lord’s Death”  
Tenebrae readings: John 18:1-19:30

### Good Friday, April 18

*Worship at noon in the Parlor*  
Reading of Christ’s Seven Sayings from the Cross

### Easter Sunday, April 20

Services at 8:00 A.M. at the pavilion behind Temple Emanuel  
and at 11:00 A.M. in the Warner sanctuary  
Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10  
“Do Not Be...”



### Sunday, April 27

1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31  
“A Living Hope”

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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

Every day of the month, you can help **Mid-County United Ministries’** food pantry in Wheaton. How? By bringing in cans and packages of non-perishable food for our barrel in the church narthex. Thank you.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

Holy Week is a week like any other week with the same days as any other week. I guess it is a bit different for those involved with the public school system – it will be spring break week for them. But this week can be different for all of us, as we seek to take a break from how we normally view things in order to reflect on the events of a week over 2000 years ago that shapes our lives today.

It, of course, begins with Palm Sunday on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The last several years, we have had a combined palm and passion (crucifixion) focus for this day in our worship service, but this year, we will explore how Jesus' entrance into the holy city potentially makes a difference in how we perceive all comings and goings. We'll do so with palm branches and singing. And then we will continue our celebration with our Palm Sunday brunch after the service – you read that right – it will be a Palm Sunday brunch instead of an Easter breakfast this year.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we'll have one evening service. In recent years, we've had a luncheon service at noon in the social hall to enable those who don't get out at night to come. This year, we'll need to make sure such folks are offered a ride. There will be a meal offered at 6 p.m. (see elsewhere in this Memo for details) and the 7:30 service will focus on not only the last supper and the institution of the sacrament of communion, it will follow the events of Jesus' arrest, trial, denial, and crucifixion as the sanctuary is darkened as Jesus moves toward his death. Special music will accompany us through this journey. I hope you will make every effort to attend this Maundy Thursday / Tenebrae (which means 'darkness') service.

On Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, there will still be a gathering at noon, this time in the room formerly known as the parlor, to reflect on our Lord's last words from the cross.

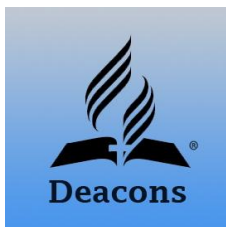
On Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, for those who welcome the opportunity for an outdoor worship experience, there will be a service at the pavilion behind Temple Emanuel at 8 a.m. (note the different time from previous years). There will, of course, also be a grand resurrection celebration at our 11 a.m. service in the sanctuary, with the special flowers reminding us of the beauty and the life that is a result of that first Easter morning.

I think our Holy Week experience can go well beyond this being just another week.

With deep joy,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## BOARD OF DEACONS



As we do every Easter season, the deacons will soon be delivering spring flowering plants from the Easter service to homebound members and friends of Warner. These flowers which will grace the sanctuary during the service, not only bring a visual touch of brightness to the homebound, but also give the deacons a chance to visit with those folk who are unable to attend.

On Monday, February 24th, the Board of Deacons had the privilege of organizing the reception after Colvin Gibson's memorial service. The deacons would especially like to thank other Warnerites who helped us with the reception: Tiff Carroll, Carolyn Hollis, Louise MacDonald, Kay Gorman, and Ina Rae Kramer.

The board periodically sends greeting cards to members/friends of the church. Right now we are in especial need of blank cards, sympathy cards, and thank-you cards. If you have any cards (like the free ones we all get in the mail) that you would be willing to donate, please drop them in the deacon mailbox in the church office. Thank you!!!

As the board this year is comprised of fewer deacons, we are discussing new ways of making our regular duties more efficient. This will hopefully allow us more time to dedicate ourselves to serving the congregation and the community in new ways. Stay tuned!!!

- Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

### **HELP WANTED: BE A DEACON FOR THE DAY!**

As the Board is comprised of fewer deacons this year, we are sometimes in need of an extra person to deliver a flower bouquet from the Sunday service to a homebound member or friend of Warner. We are looking for 5-6 folks we can call on to make a delivery on an as-needed basis. You do not need to be an ordained deacon to do this, and it is perfect for someone who would love to visit with folks who are unable to get to our worship service.

If interested in adding your name to the list, please contact the church office or Elizabeth Bunn: (e-mail- [dollface0320@gmail.com](mailto:dollface0320@gmail.com) or cell- 301-237-3121

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

It is time to sign up to donate flowers to add beauty to our Easter worship service. You may choose to pick up the flowers after the service or to have them delivered to our homebound families and friends. This year we will be using pink and white azaleas (\$17) and daffodils (\$12) to compliment our silk lilies (in deference to people allergic to live lilies). The sign up chart is on the easel in the hallway near the office. Please mark your checks "flowers" and place them in the offering plate. Thank you.



Kay Gorman, for the Flower Committee

## USHERS NEEDED!

Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to usher for our Sunday services. It is never too late to help out in this important ministry, even if you have never ushered before.

Fellow ushers will provide on-the-job training. Please check the sign-up chart outside the office to see if there are dates you can help out. If you can sign up for a whole month, that is great, but if only for one Sunday, just write that date after your name.



If you want to know all the important things ushers do, look at the sheet in the bookrack in the Narthex. You will be impressed!

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OUR NEW HYMNS

You may have noticed that, sometimes during our Sunday services, the bulletin makes note that the first stanza will be sung by the choir, and the following stanzas will be sung by everyone. That is a clue that this is a new hymn in our hymnals. Our musicians use two tools to help us learn this new music. First, our organist plays the piece all the way through. Then the choir sings the first stanza. And then it is our turn as a congregation. We hope this will help all of us to learn, and to love these new hymns.

Another tool to help us become attached to the hymns in the new hymnal is the description (in fine print) at the bottom of the page. This gives some background on the words in the hymn. Before the service starts, you may want to look up the hymns and read this background. It is very interesting, but is difficult to read while trying to sing (I've tried).

We also want to point out that you will see two sets of page numbers in the bulletin after the scripture readings. There are two different printings of the pew Bibles, which means that you will find the readings on one page or the other depending on which printing is in your hand. Before the service starts on Sunday, you may want to look up the scriptures and mark them for easy reference. Be assured that the words are the same in both versions; just the page numbering is different.

Kay Gorman, for the Worship & Music Commission

## GIBSON-THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The current recipient of the Gibson-Thomson scholarship is lead soprano Gina Mirenda. On Sundays, you can listen with joy as Gina and the sanctuary choir lead us all in singing praises. And, you can always show your appreciation by contributing to the scholarship fund mentioned above. Donations are always welcome via checks or cash. Additionally, a new way to contribute is by going online to Warner's website and clicking:

[www.warnermemorial.org/donate](http://www.warnermemorial.org/donate). Thanks to all contributions to this scholarship fund, which continues to be a blessing for our congregation.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **SAVE THESE DATES—ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- **Saturday, May 17**

On **May 17**, all ages are invited to gather from **9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** at Warner Memorial for a workshop on interfaith dialogue. The Rev. Holly Ulmer, chaplain at the University of Maryland, will lead the discussion. Look for more details in the May MEMO.

- **Monday, June 16-Friday, June 20**

**VBS 2014** will be the week of **June 16-June 20**. Look for more information and registration materials in the May MEMO.

## COMMUNITY



### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Here at Warner Memorial Church, we continue to collect the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering through Palm Sunday, April 13. Special OGHS envelopes can be found in the Sanctuary pew racks. Your donations are a blessing to the beneficiaries through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Program. Thanks to all who have given to this vital offering already.

### **PLANS FOR MISSION TRIP—TO OKLAHOMA!**

Warner Memorial is forming a mission team to go to Oklahoma this summer. We plan to leave on Sunday, July 20 and return home on Friday and Saturday, July 25-26. Our community-building rehabilitation service will be coordinated by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, helping people recover from last year's tornadoes. For more information, see the announcement in upcoming Sunday bulletins, or contact the church office or Ty Bragg, Chairman of Warner's Commission to the Community.

### **YOUR TWO CENTS-A-MEAL REALLY ADDS UP--THANK YOU!**

On Sunday, March 16, a group of members counted over \$500 in coins, currency and checks! This money will be sent to local, regional and national hunger programs. You're your March and April donations to our monthly "2 Cents-a-Meal" offering, the discretionary portion (40%) will go to the Manna Food Center in Montgomery County. Manna distributes packages of food to its "Smart Sacks" program, which provides nourishing meals for school children from low-income families.



If you haven't gotten in the habit of contributing, or if you've lost the habit but could afford to resume it, on Easter Sunday please go up to the red wagon at the front of the Warner sanctuary—near the chancel—and drop in any amount, such as two cents for each meal you have enjoyed. We make this collection on the third Sunday of every month. Thank you. (We invite you to come and help us count this collection in the Common Room, after worship.) –Ann Rakow

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

### **GARDEN NEWS—RENEWAL IN SPRINGTIME**

Warner Memorial's "Shepherd's Garden" is now entering its fifth year of planting, tending and harvesting to serve others. This year, we welcome our neighboring congregation at Temple Emanuel, whose members are joining Warner on this garden project. Together, we'll continue the tradition of growing produce for the Shepherd's Table community hunger relief program in Silver Spring. The garden began as an Eagle Scout project by Casey McGrath. Later, Karen Buitano (a Girl Scout at the time), led the effort. Recently, Susan Bresee and June Eakin have taken the lead in maintaining the Shepherd's Garden. If you can spare a few hours to help them, please contact the church office and they can arrange to get together with you.



Tuesday, April 22, is "Earth Day". As you may know, Warner is a certified "Earth Care Congregation" in our nationwide denomination. This annual certification works to keep us aware of good environmental stewardship practices—at church, at home, or wherever we go. Please celebrate Earth Day every day by practicing conservation of natural resources. If you (individuals and families) have ideas for this ongoing effort, please let us know and we'll gladly publish your conservation ideas in upcoming issues of the Warner MEMO. Thanks! –Tiff Carroll

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

### **WARNER'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CAMPAIGN CONTINUES**

Have you noticed? On the main floor of our building, work continues on the new lavatory for handicapped access, and it should be completed soon. On the outside, near the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Washington Street, work on the new elevator tower is also progressing well. We look forward to completion of these improvements soon.

## SESSION & NCP MEETINGS

### **At its March 17th meeting, the Warner Session:**

1. Adopted a plan to move forward toward listing the "grassy lot" on Prospect Street for sale.
2. Heard a report on construction project progress. We have now taken our first drawdown of funds from our loan in order to pay our construction bills.
3. Announced that the harpsichord has been repaired and is now in the chancel.
4. Renamed the parlor; a name that will be publicly announced when the room is dedicated on a to-be-determined date.
5. Started putting together a team to recommend a design for our narthex that would be appealing to guests.

**The National Capital Presbytery met on March 18, 2014 at National Presbyterian Church.**

**During the meeting, NCP:**

1. Approved the recommendations of the Wilson Lane Commission for the disposition of some church property.
2. Waived the designation of the DC Equipping Ministry Resurrection Fund in order to give Northminster Presbyterian Church a loan of \$255,000 to replace their heating and air conditioning system.
3. Heard a report on the process adopted by the Leadership Council for use should a church wish to disaffiliate from the PC (USA).
4. Approved an overture on maternal and child nutrition, as well as an overture on gun violence prevention, which will be forwarded to the 221st General Assembly for consideration.
5. Denied a request to concur with an overture on Presbyterian Witness for Palestinian Human Rights and for Ending the Occupation of Palestine because of its provocative language.

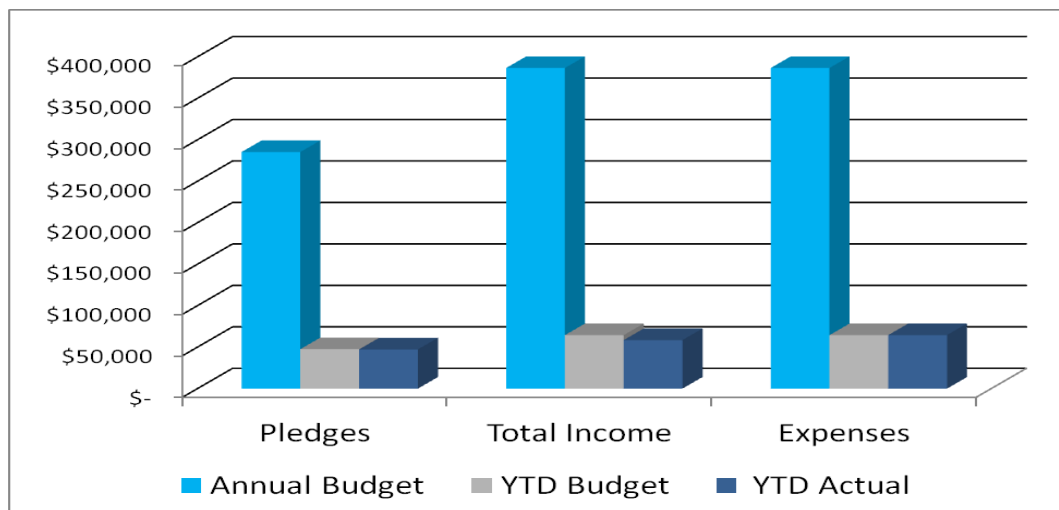
**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

**STEWARDSHIP**

We would like to remind folks that it’s not too late to help out by contributing you “per capita” for 2014. Every church in our presbytery is required to submit its per capita amount—this year it is \$36—for each member, early in the calendar year. This supports PC (USA) regional and national ministries. Your individual contributions can still help Warner Memorial Church by reducing the reducing the amount that otherwise must come out of our annual budget. Thank you!

**WMPC FINANCES YEAR-TO-DATE FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Pledges	\$285,230	\$47,538	\$47,230
Total Income	\$386,555	\$64,426	\$58,497
Expenses	\$386,555	\$64,426	\$64,539
Net Income(Loss)	\$-	\$-	\$(6,042)

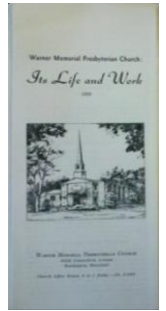




# OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

## OUR WARNER HISTORY – A TREASURE UNCOVERED

During the construction project in the pastor's office, a cabinet in the main office needed to be moved. It was filled with boxes of paper. So, everything was carefully removed, and June Eakin began sorting through it all, wanting to see if any of it could be thrown away. It turned out to be a treasure trove of records from the early 1900's through the early 1990's; Warner Memos (including the very first newsletter from 1953), Sunday Bulletins (from 1959-1975 that have been missing from the collection in the library), meeting agendas, deposit ledgers, a photo or two, annual reports, a few birth certificates, and used books of church transfer certificates, with just the filled-out stubs remaining, were all re-discovered in this process. Additionally, we found what we believe to be Rev. Wendell Tredick's sermons—the whole collection of more than 400 sermons from the 19 years that he was Pastor—numbered and written in very neat cursive on medium-sized copperplate paper.



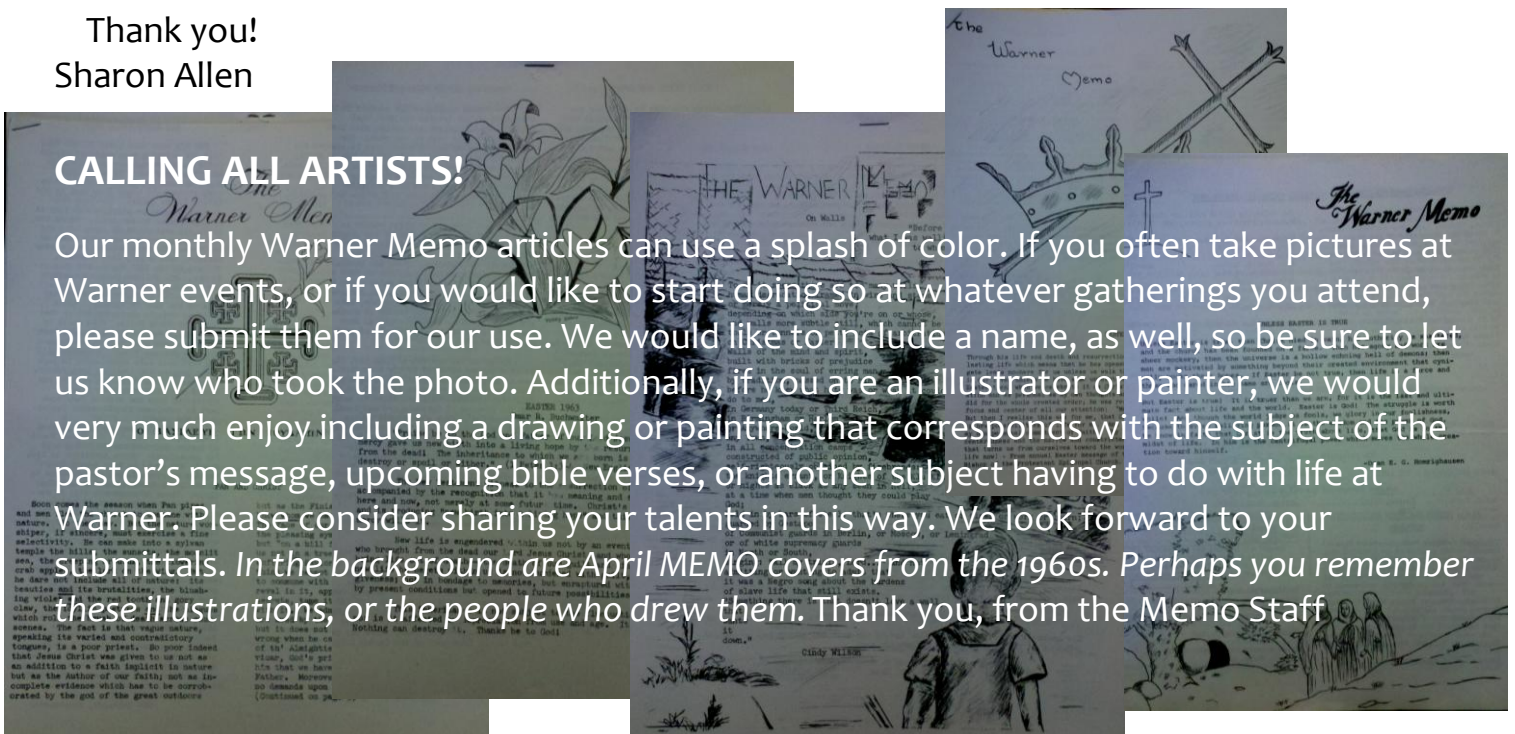
We will put these items safely in various places to make room for other things in the office, and over the coming months, we will take a closer look at them and decide how and where to officially keep them for others to peruse, or to store. It is my hope that the bulletins will someday be bound together and added to the collection in the library, and that other documents may be scanned and saved on CDs so that we may enjoy reading them, and have them safely kept for future generations and historians. There is also the option of sending items to the Presbyterian Historical Society.

The process of binding paper is expensive, so we ask that if you are interested in donating money toward this effort, please contact the church office. We will just keep them safely stored until funds become available.

Thank you!  
Sharon Allen

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Our monthly Warner Memo articles can use a splash of color. If you often take pictures at Warner events, or if you would like to start doing so at whatever gatherings you attend, please submit them for our use. We would like to include a name, as well, so be sure to let us know who took the photo. Additionally, if you are an illustrator or painter, we would very much enjoy including a drawing or painting that corresponds with the subject of the pastor's message, upcoming bible verses, or another subject having to do with life at Warner. Please consider sharing your talents in this way. We look forward to your submissions. *In the background are April MEMO covers from the 1960s. Perhaps you remember these illustrations, or the people who drew them.* Thank you, from the Memo Staff



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## RAINBOW PLACE

On Saturday, February 22, 11 women from Warner cooked and/or served a hearty dinner for more than 25 Montgomery County women at Rainbow Place at Rockville Presbyterian Church. Many of us had done this in the past, but it is always a heartwarming experience and typical of most volunteer efforts, the volunteer gets back so much more than is given. Thanks to the abundance of servers that evening, each of us was able to take a break from her kitchen duties and visit with the clients and the customers. I cannot tell you how many positive comments and thanks we received, from everyone there, for the delicious food Warner prepared, with the quality matching the quantity. Thanks to all who participated in any way and let's plan to do this again next year. The two staff insisted they would make sure they signed up to work when Warner is scheduled to provide the meal and service.



The Maundy Thursday meal this year is changed to a supper instead of a lunch. The Warner Presbyterian Women will offer a supper of foods from the Holy Land like hummus, pita, dried fruit, boiled eggs, matzoah, and more, at 6:00 in the evening of April 19<sup>th</sup> right before the Maundy Thursday worship. Can you help by providing food items, set up (5:00), clean up (7:00), or can you provide a ride to someone to attend? Please contact Sue Burns or June Eakin.

**SPRING BREAKAWAY--** May 2-4 at the beautiful mountain getaway home of the Bresees in Berkeley Springs, W. Va. Spring should be busting out beautifully at this time. We will share the cooking and food costs. The price per person is estimated to be \$125, but we would like everyone to feel welcome and financial support will be provided for those who think it is beyond their means. Contact Karen Cook if you would like to attend (max 12 people).



### **2014 NCP PW ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/SPRING GATHERING**

Saturday, April 26, 2014, 9 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon VA 20170-3308. SOMETHING NEW for SPRING: Introduction of the 2014-2015 Horizons Bible Study: "Reconciling Paul" authored by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Usually there is an overview at the Fall Gathering; this year plan to be at the Spring Gathering so you can be prepared for the beginning of the new study. If you wish to attend, contact Sue Burns before April 19 (if possible). The cost is \$15. Visit the PW bulletin board to see the flyer or go here:

<http://www.thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/2014-Spring-Gathering-Flyer-FINAL-opulent.pdf>

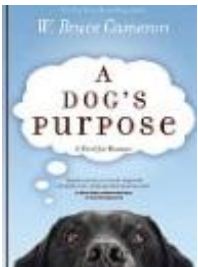
## SUMMER CAMP FOR GALS!

June 6-9th at Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, VA

Each summer the women of the Mid-Atlantic gather at 'Netta for fellowship, spiritual and personal growth, and fun at the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Gathering. This year the featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, the author of next year's Horizons Bible study: *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians*. There are so many different workshops on Friday and Saturday, with subjects as diverse as LGBT, crafting, leadership, Bible study, music, women's history and more. Sue Burns and June Eakin can tell you about their experience meeting the Horizons author the year they attended. New this year – certified childcare for ages 3-8. Early Bird rate ends April 19, late fee assessed after May 17. See the PW bulletin board for details and registration, or go here: <http://www.thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/PW-synod-summer-gathering.pdf>



We have successfully revitalized the Presbyterian Coffee program at Warner!  
Stay tuned for future dates to order coffee, about every 3 months.



## CIRCLE MEETINGS

Joy Circle: Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Warner Library. We'll be discussing the book, *A Dog's Purpose*, by W. Bruce Cameron. More than just another charming dog story, it 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.

Reflection Circle: Sunday, April 13 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor – join us for Lesson 5 of the Horizons Bible Study “An Abiding Hope” which invites us to remember that the central actor in human experience is God. Drop-ins are welcome!

Next Coordinating Team meeting is Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

## EASTER BASKET PROJECT FOR CHILDREN'S INN

Your contributions to the Easter baskets for the children at NIH were superb once again! Everyone was considerate and thoughtful. Those who contributed baskets and the items from our list showed good taste in choosing. The kids at the Children's Inn are certain to enjoy receiving the goodies and the baskets for Easter. Thank you! – “Harriet Rabbit”



## WARNER PEOPLE

### NO POTLUCK GROUP IN APRIL—JOIN US IN MAY AT THE ROSCHÉS

You are welcome to come and dine with us on Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 P.M. To find out what category of dish to bring, please contact Susan or Ben Fulton (301-949-0691). Newcomers are welcome, always.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM—A SOURCE OF COMFORT

Pressure: a burdensome, distressing or weighty condition. Is the pressure on right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships? Would you like to have someone to talk to? Our congregation is blessed to participate in the Stephen Ministry, a nationwide support program that is confidential. 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

We were recently informed of the death of **Dorothy (Dot) Buchwalter**, former member and wife of the late Rev. Omar Buchwalter, pastor here from 1959-1965. Dorothy joined the church triumphant on Sept. 26, 2013. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Bonnie B. Fortuna, 1430 Laurelton Court, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

### THANKS FROM THE DAUGHERTYS

We appreciate members and friends thoughts, prayers and notes of condolences at the passing of Sheri's mother, Jeni Sullivan. We also thank those who contributed to the memorial service and reception on March 15. We are grateful for the choir's vocal contributions, and for Alina's exquisite organ music and Kate's directing. Thanks to Sue Burns and June Eakin, along with others, for the lovely reception, and to our Pastor, Kirby, whose message highlighted one of Jeni's favorite scripture verses. May God bless you and keep you. Sheri and Dave

#### STAYING IN TOUCH

We are seeking to bring members together - even when they can't be at church. When you visit [www.warnermemorial.org](http://www.warnermemorial.org), you can learn about our **mission**, plus see **news and events** you may have missed. You can read **Rev. Hill's meditation**, check the **calendar**, see **construction progress** and even **contribute** to the offering plate from home. *Donating through [www.warnermemorial.org/donate](http://www.warnermemorial.org/donate) is easy, secure, and your generosity will help to continue our mission to do God's work.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

- 1 Grace Hill
- 2 Andrew Bresee
- 3 Paul Perkins, Kyle Gallun
- 4 Amy Brammer
- 5 Kathy France, Jeffrey Meredith, Alan Swendiman
- 8 June Eakin, Andrea Moody
- 9 Mary Lou Armstrong
- 10 William Lewis
- 12 John Barber, Karen Buitano
- 20 Ted Rosché, John Murphy
- 21 Olivia Gillette
- 22 Liz Reid
- 23 Doris Robbins
- 29 Robert Ness, Lee Perry



## DO WE HAVE YOUR LATEST ADDRESS (INCLUDING E-MAIL)?

If you have an address or telephone number change, please inform the Warner Church office. Likewise, if your e-mail address has changed, please let us know. We are working (with help from June Eakin in the church office) to expand and update the list of e-mail addresses for sending out the electronic version of the Warner MEMO. Thanks!

### MAY MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the May Warner MEMO by Easter **Monday, April 21**. 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](mailto:memo@warnermemorial.org) ... and we thank you for your contributions!

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