

May, 2013

THE WARNER MEMO



“A House of Prayer for All Peoples” (Isaiah 56:7)

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church
www.warnermemorial.org

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

“Mary Poppins” was a popular movie when I was a child. In it, Julie Andrews played the title character, who was a magical nanny for Jane and Michael Banks. Their father, George Banks, who has had great difficulty keeping a nanny in service to the family, hires Miss Poppins. He is a banker, a rather rigid man lacking much of a relationship with his children. He sees his wife, children, and servants more as assets than as people. The nanny talks him into taking the children to his workplace one day. He is surprised that he agreed to do so and asks his wife whether he really said that he would. She tells him that it sounded as if he did, to which he responds, “And why not? A capital idea!” In the movie, the ‘capital’ idea doesn’t go so well, with Jane and Michael’s getting the stodgy bank officials all upset when they won’t invest their tuppence in the bank.



So what of our capital idea, as in Warner’s capital campaign idea? What is happening in that regard? In a thumbnail sketch, people within and beyond Warner (including some LCYC families and people related to members of the congregation) made very generous contributions to the upfront money we felt was needed to make us eligible for a loan. We exceeded our goals for this kind of cash gifts. However, our needs for pledges to get us to a total of \$550,000 that was needed for the elevator, accessible restroom, fire safety work, and flooring project has not yet been reached. We are approaching getting to two-thirds of the way toward our overall goal. In the meantime, those working with our architect are negotiating with construction firms in order to hold down costs. There is also an active investigation into the value of the grassy lots the church owns across the street from our paved parking lot, to explore whether a sale is a viable option to help us reach our goals.

In short, the Session still feels the improvements to the building are a capital idea and as soon as we have enough capital to carry it out, we will. We hope this will be just a relatively brief delay in construction going forward. We have already invested a lot of time and money in this project and we are looking for how the Lord will enable it to come to completion. We welcome your prayers and of course we welcome gifts and pledges that may well be an answer to prayer. At some point, by God’s grace and many expressions of generosity, this capital idea will become much more than such an idea.

Still believing in the incarnation,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN MAY

Sunday, May 5

Communion

Psalm 67; John 14:23-29

“Peace Received?”

Sunday, May 12

Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34

“Disturbing News”

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost

Rev. Mark Koenig preaching

Sunday, May 26

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15

“Wisdom and Truth Shared”

ON SUNDAY, MAY 5TH:

- During 11:00 worship and the fellowship time after worship, we'll **honor retiring LCYC teacher Karen Robison**, who has served 20 years teaching children here.
- **Ingleside Presbyterian Retirement Home** celebrates its **107th anniversary Silver Tea and a Gala Luncheon at 12:30pm**. For more information, see our bulletin board or call Ann Rakow.

DEACONS FUND COLLECTION ON FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH--Please support the Warner Memorial **Deacons' Fund**. You may use the special envelopes in the pew racks. This fund helps our local ministry to individuals and organizations.



M.U.M. FOOD BARREL--Please remember to bring cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the **Mid-county United Ministries (M.U.M.) pantry** in Wheaton—any day of the week. Together, we can continue to fill the **“For I was hungry. . .”** barrel in the narthex every week, helping our needy neighbors.

Thank you! “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” –Matthew 25:35

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



ALL-CHURCH RETREAT MAY 18—PLAN ON IT!

When a child is baptized, the entire church family promises, with God's help, to nurture his/her faith development. How do we translate the words into action? How do we live out our baptismal promises both personally and as a congregation? The upcoming congregational retreat, also known as the All Church Retreat, because it is designed for all ages, is a great place to deepen relationships and explore new ways to be a church family.

This year's retreat is on **May 18**, from **9:00 until 3:00** at **St. Mark Presbyterian Church**, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, North Bethesda. (*Lunch is included and there is NO fee to attend... Please sign up in the Social Hall after worship, or by calling the church office.*)

Our retreat leader is The Rev. Mark Koenig, director of the Presbyterian Office of the United Nations. Mark is an experienced workshop leader who is especially talented in engaging and challenging all ages to follow Jesus into the public square. In the morning we will focus, through drama, song, and dialogue, on the question,

“Why is Church in the Public Square?” We will examine several Bible passages that tell of God's people living a public faith. After lunch we will learn about ways to follow Jesus in the world today as advocates for ministries of compassion, peace, and justice. Some of the afternoon activities are designed to enhance the Pentecost Sunday worship service (the next day, May 19th).

Don't be one of those folk who -- the day after the event -- hears how wonderful it was and wishes he had been there. Be part of the action!

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2013

Michaela Hepp, Jordan Hill, Ana Pinkus, and Andrei Pinkus are members of this year's Confirmation Class. This spring they have been examining different aspects of church membership. On Sunday, June 2nd, they will have a breakfast meeting with the Warner Church Session and share their statements of faith. The congregation will have an opportunity to welcome them as new members during the 11:00 worship service that day. Please continue to support them with your prayers as they move toward this important milestone in their faith journeys.

COME TO WARNER'S VBS, JUNE 24TH-JUNE 28TH!—There are still spaces available for participants and volunteer staff for our Vacation Bible School, “Everywhere Fun Fair—Where God's World Comes Together.” Contact Jan Moody at jdmoody3@gmail.com for more information. Registration forms are also available on the shelf in the church's main hallway, outside the C.E. office. Don't miss out on this joy-filled week!



COMMUNITY

CRAFT AND ANTIQUE SHOW—SATURDAY, MAY 4th---2PM-6PM--*Join us this Saturday* in the church parking lot (or in the Social Hall, if there's rain). This event will also feature baked goods and wood-oven pizza baked on site by *Frankly...Pizza*. A portion of the sales will support our **Community Commission's mission-giving projects**, so please plan to come! For more information about bringing your items to sell, or to rent a space, call Barbara Shaw or the church office (301-949-2900).

UMCP CAMPUS MINISTRY SPRING CONCERT, SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

You are invited to the **United Campus Ministry Spring Concert** this **Sunday at 7:00 p.m., in the Memorial Chapel at the University of Maryland--College Park**. The program features the Maryland Palestrina Choir, Femmes de Chanson, Mannermusik, and University Christian Church Choir. *It's FREE and open to all! At the reception following the concert, UCM donors will be honored. (Warner Memorial Church supports United Campus Ministry and Rev. Holly Ulmer.) There is free parking behind the Chapel in Lot Y.* For more information, Contact Rev. Holly Ulmer (301)405-8450, ulmer@umd.edu, visit the Campus Ministry webpage <http://www.ucmcollegepark.org>, or see the flyer on the church bulletin board near the office.

WARNER'S "TWO CENTS-A-MEAL" SUPPLEMENTS HUNGER PROGRAMS

Please bring your coins (currency and checks are also welcome) to the red wagon on the third Sunday of each month. Each month, 40% of these collections go toward a local or regional hunger relief project of our choosing, and the rest is forwarded to various hunger programs through Presbytery and our denomination—the PC (USA).

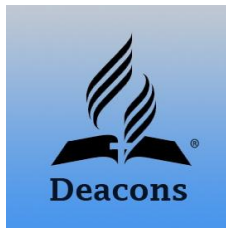
In April, we collected \$134.85; the discretionary portion will benefit **Shepherd's Table, a year-round food program** in Silver Spring. For May and June, we've chosen to support Montgomery County's **Interfaith Works** program (formerly known as Community Ministry). For over 20 years, Warner's "2-Cents-a-Meal" donations have enhanced many hunger programs near and far. Thank you all for your support!

--Ann Rakow, for the Community Commission

SUMMER MISSION TRIP—JUNE 30th-JULY 6th --We're forming a team to help with clean-up from Hurricane Sandy. We will go to **Jamaica, N.Y.**, on Long Island, stay at a local church, and work on projects coordinated by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To join the team--or for more information--please contact Ty Bragg, or the church office.

DEACONS

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS



Members of the Board of Deacons recently **delivered flowers** from the Easter Sunday service to homebound members and friends of the church. But did you also know that each Sunday, flowers from the service are divided in two by a member of the Flower Committee and are then delivered by deacons to homebound or hospitalized Warnerites? Such deliveries provide excellent opportunities for meaningful visits with those who are unable to attend services.

Did you know that there are **deacon representatives** from the board on most of the commissions? These deacon reps are responsible for attending the **commission meetings the first Monday of each month** and relaying information back and forth between the deacons and the commission members.

Additionally, did you know that a deacon regularly accompanies Rev. Hill with taking **communion to homebound members** /friends of Warner. If you would like, or know someone who would like home communion, please contact the church office.

Stay tuned to next month's MEMO for updates on our summer/ early fall activities.

Elizabeth Bunn-Moderator

STEPHEN MINISTERS—READY TO SERVE YOU



“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion.”
Colossians 3:12.) Stephen Ministers provide Christian one-to-one care to those who are experiencing many kinds of needs and circumstances. Members of the congregation can support this ministry by praying for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers.

To receive the care of a Stephen Minister, you may wish to speak to Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or Rev. Hill.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

APRIL RETREAT

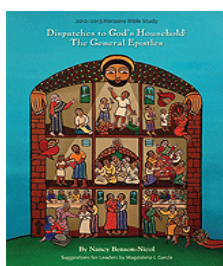


The Warner PW fellowship retreat was a huge success. The 10 of us met at the beautiful mountain home of Jim and Susan Bresee outside Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and enjoyed our time together April 19-21 talking, hiking, reading, drinking wine, soaking in the hot tub, napping, and getting to know each other better. A few of us went into town on Saturday to check out the farmer's market and poke around the antiques mall.

With only a little assistance, our resident chef Sue Burns prepared superb meals, making the weekend a special event as well as a getaway. We returned to Warner on Sunday refreshed in body and spirit.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING —THIS SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 5th** we will begin to collect the PW Birthday Offering and host the Fellowship Hour in celebration of the gifts in the lives of Presbyterian women. The birthday offering funds special projects not included in General Assembly mission support that especially concern women. Mark your calendar to bring something for Fellowship Hour or to help set up or clean up. Coordinate with Sue Burns.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle meetings in May will be discussing **Lesson 8: The Bad Seeds**, in *Dispatches to God's Household*.

Joy Circle will meet **May 14 at 7:30 pm** in the church library.

Reflection Circle will meet **May 12 at 9:30 am**; Karen Cook will lead.

PW POTLUCK

Plan to join the women of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church for a **PW potluck on Saturday, June 1st at Warner**. Stay tuned to the PW bulletin board and Sunday announcements for more details. Please let June Eakin know if you are going, or if you need a ride.

SUMMER GATHERING

Held each year at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center, the **PW Synod Summer Gathering will be June 13-16** this year. This is the 25th year for the Gathering. Horizons Bible Study author Janice Catron will introduce next year's study: **An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy**. Talk with Sue Burns, Charity Singletary or June Eakin if you want to know more about it.

--PW news submitted by Lora McGlade

EASTER BASKETS

Warnerites really out did themselves on the Easter Baskets for the Children's Inn at NIH. The Presbyterian Women were delighted at how many chose more than one basket, returning them filled to overflowing with plush bunnies, wrapped candies, coloring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, puzzles, the list goes on. Many had so much fun picking things out, they went overboard with goodies, which were shared in other baskets. The cost of cellophane, cellophane bags and other supplies to wrap the finished baskets was defrayed by donated money. Ila Trautvetter assisted in preparing the baskets for delivery as Jan Moody photographed the process.

Delivery of the 68 Easter Baskets started at the NIH security gate. Two dour looking security officers immediately inspected the two SUVs. They could have required that all the baskets be placed on the pavement. Thankfully it was not necessary! Once cleared to enter the NIH campus, two of the officers whispered how pretty the baskets were!

Once at the Inn, the number of Easter baskets astounded the staff for the children. Amid compliments, the staff helped unload the baskets onto carts; making sure "the coast was clear" to store them in locked offices 'til Easter Morning.

People have commented on the overly specific guidelines and tight restrictions regulating the Easter Baskets. However, they are required, essentially for the safety of the children at the Inn. The Presbyterian Women are grateful for the extreme amount of cooperation, joy and delight from those who participated in this wonderful project.

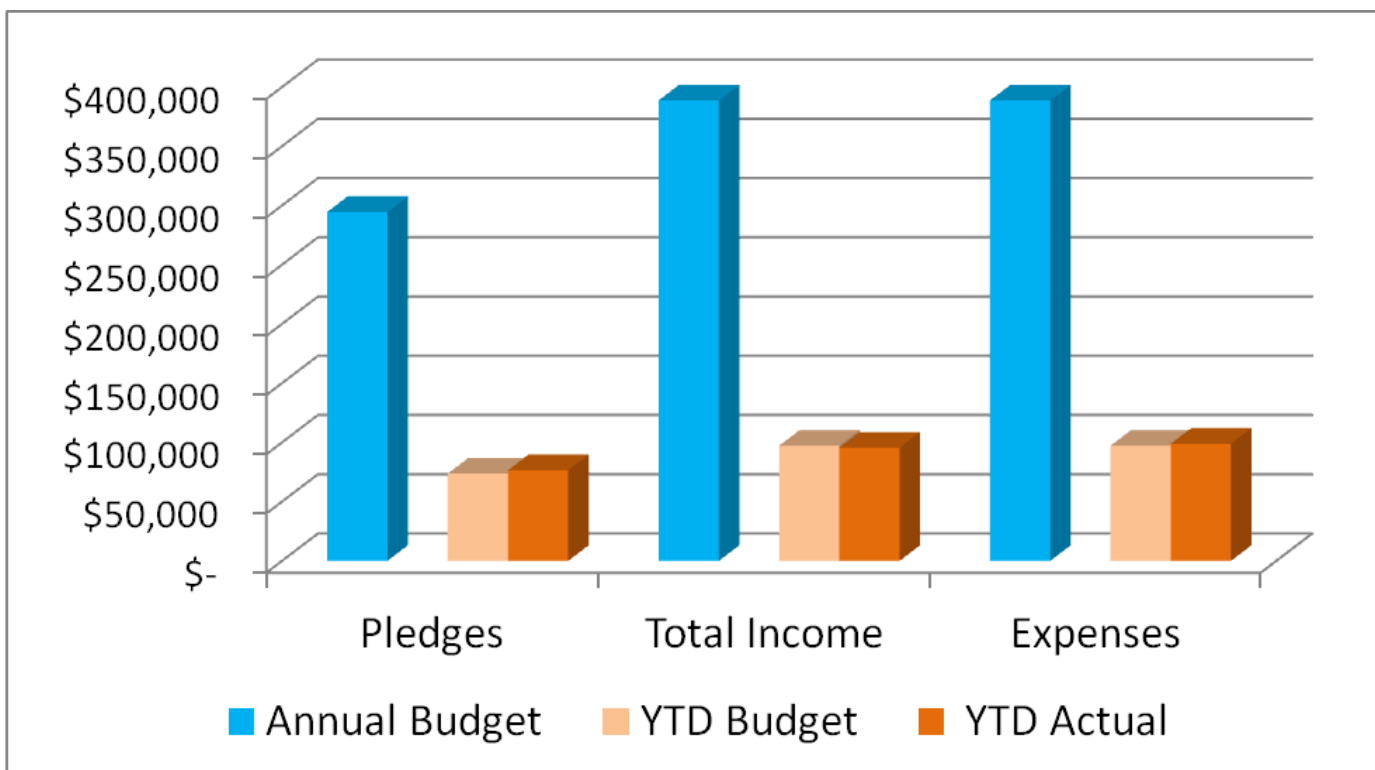
Thank you,
Sheri Daugherty

[ONLINE MAY CALENDAR](#)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

WMPC Finances Year-to-date March 31, 2013

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over (Under)
Pledges	\$294,512	\$73,628	\$76,505	\$2,877
Total Income	\$388,712	\$97,178	\$95,481	(\$1,697)
Expenses	\$388,712	\$97,178	\$98,871	\$1,693
Net Income (Loss)				(\$3,390)



Please remember—as summer approaches—to keep our programs and activities alive and well by continuing your weekly or monthly pledge contributions. Thank you!

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Here is a portion of a letter received recently at the Warner Church office celebrating our recertification as a Presbyterian “Earth Care Congregation.” The letter is from Rebecca Barnes-Davies, Associate for Environmental Ministries, Presbyterian Church (USA).



Dear Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Congratulations on your recertification as an Earth Care Congregation! The commitment that your church continues to show for caring for God’s earth is an inspiration and your ministry is appreciated. It is an honor to learn more about your church and to see a glimpse of the good work you are doing for God’s creation.

I will be contacting your presbytery to share the good news of your recertification and to celebrate your ministry. Blessings in your ongoing ministry and please feel free to be in touch with any needs.

Peace,

Rebecca Barnes-Davies

In order to be certified, congregations have to maintain certain standards of environmental efforts—indoors and outside—involving four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Helpful steps include installing low-impact lighting and heating/air-conditioning, recycling a variety of materials, and encouraging members and friends to apply these standards at home and in their neighborhoods. “Shepherd’s Garden” at Warner qualifies as part of our effort. (The Environmental Ministries office interacts with the PC-USA Hunger Program.) For more information, please contact the Warner Church office.

WARNER PEOPLE

IN MEMORIAM—POLLY MAGEE

We remember fondly the life and personality of Warner member Sarah (Polly) Magee, who died on April 11, while under hospice care at her family's home in Kensington. Please keep her husband Paul, and the family in your prayers.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Beth Kuzmyak, Mary Hancock, Britany Locher
- 7 Claudia Stalker, Carl Adams, Beatrice Winter
- 8 Paul Magee, George Bocchetti, Charlotte Cook
- 10 Ann McGrath
- 11 Barbara Shaw
- 16 Isabelle Merl
- 18 Lisa Saltzman, Michael Simenauer
- 19 Brady Heafitz
- 21 Frances Blendermann
- 22 Barbara Jaquette, Alec Burns
- 23 Aliyah Brammer
- 25 George Kleinguenther, Taylor Bragg, Marc Henri Winter
- 26 Erin Frager
- 28 Sarah Whiteman
- 29 Edd West
- 30 Charlotte Jackson



POTLUCK GROUP, MAY 18th --The Potluck Group will meet on **Saturday, May 18 at 7pm**, at the home of Ben and Susan Fulton. All are welcome to come! Please contact the Fultons to find out what food to bring.

JUNE MEMO

The deadline for the June Memo will be Wed, May 22. We welcome news and photos of past and upcoming church events. Please send your articles to memo@warnermemorial.org or via disk or typed hardcopy to the church office. Thanks! We look forward to your contributions.

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