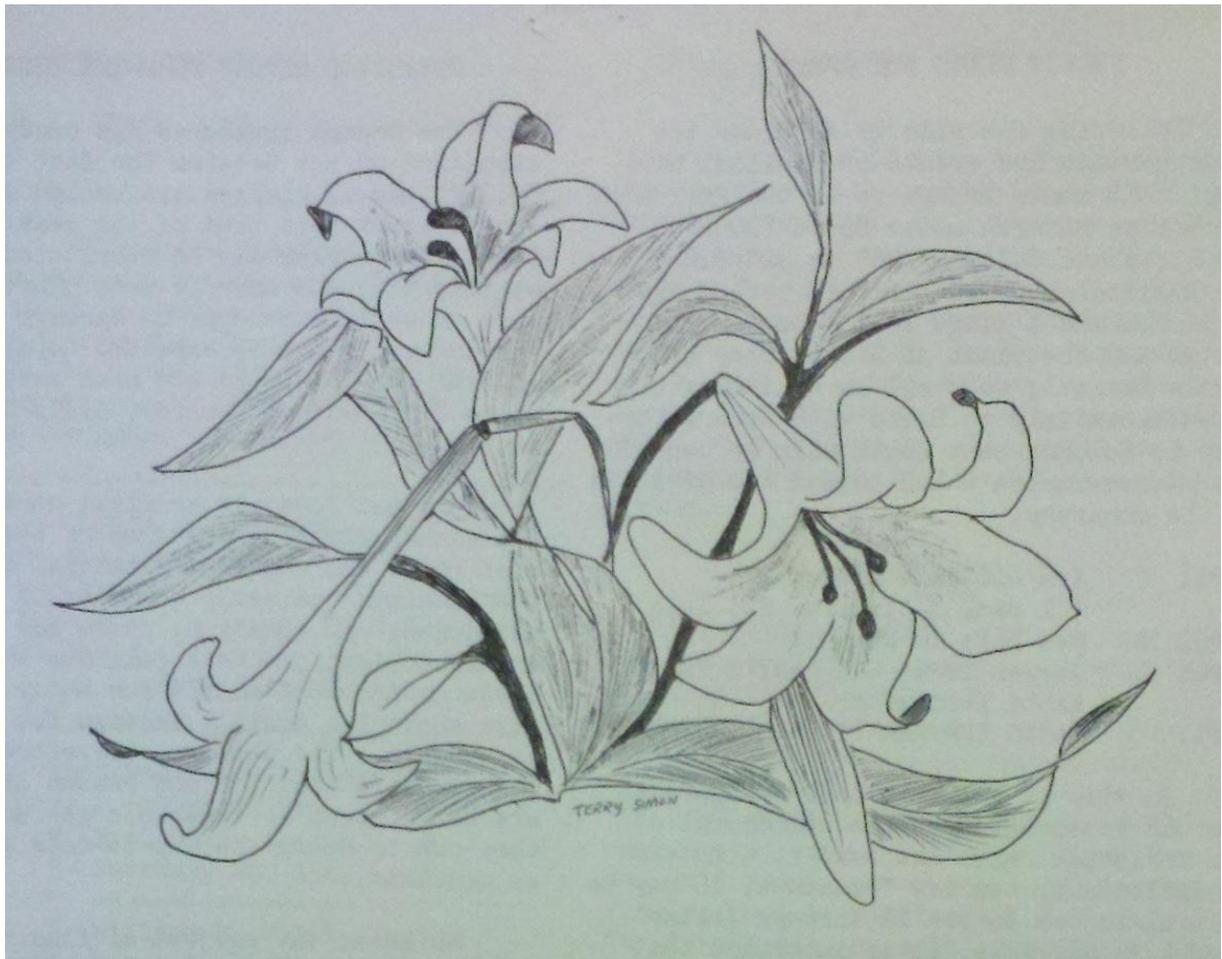


April 2015

THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN APRIL

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:30 pm Worship, Communion
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 34-35
“Just As”

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 pm Worship in Trinity Room
Reflections on the Crucifixion

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00 am Outdoor Worship behind Temple Emanuel
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18
“Movements”

Sunday, April 12

Communion
Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31
“Life in Jesus’ Name”

Sunday, April 19

1 John 3:1-3; Luke 24:36b-48
“Too Good to be True?”

Sunday, April 26

1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
“Giving Notice”

Please continue to help our neighbors who are in need at M.U.M., by donating non-perishable food, and placing it in our Hunger Barrel in the Narthex. There is a particular need for cereal, 1lb. bags of rice, and cans of black beans. Thank you for your on-going support!

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

The General Assembly is the highest governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Last summer it voted with 71% approval for a change in the definition of marriage in our Book of Order, which is part of our Presbyterian constitution. That change has now been ratified by a majority of presbyteries across the country (about 70% have voted in favor so far), including National Capital Presbytery which voted 217-55-6 in favor of the change. The new wording will now read as follows: “Marriage is a gift God has given to all humankind for the well-being of the entire human family. Marriage involves a unique commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman, to love and support each other for the rest of their lives. The sacrificial love that unites the couple sustains them as faithful and responsible members of the church and the wider community.”

Some would say that the understanding of marriage by people of faith should never change, but there are examples in scripture of polygamy, and we no longer accept that as an appropriate practice. At one time it was commonly accepted in the church that people of different races should not get married or that someone who was divorced should never remarry. Once women were common expected to make a vow that they would “obey” their husband and, of course, the man was never asked to make the same promise. The understanding of marriage has changed in ways that I think could make it a stronger and broader institution if those who enter into it do so with loving commitment, respect, and faithfulness. The church will do what it can to encourage such things.

There has been additional language added to the Book of Order that makes it clear that no minister is required to officiate a wedding of which he or she disapproves. The Session still has power to approve or disapprove of a wedding to be held on church property.

In my understanding, the Bible does not contemplate the possibility of same-gender marriage; but many who stand under the authority of scripture today, in the spirit of the ever-widening understanding of who is included in the love and grace of God, have concluded that biblical moral logic values committed, mutual, loving partnerships – regardless of the gender of the partners. I understand that it may be difficult to get used to some of these changes, but I believe our denomination is guiding us toward being faithful witnesses to the love and justice of Jesus Christ, whom we seek to follow in our world today.

Thankful for the gift of marriage,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INHABITING EDEN

The Bible speaks in many ways about God's commitment to creation and to our calling to be good caretakers. The Adult Sunday school class will discuss the book *Inhabiting Eden* by Rev. Patricia K. Tull along with Bible passages from Genesis to Jeremiah and Micah to Matthew as we seek principles to protect our children's inheritance. The series, led by June Eakin, begins April 12th, the Sunday following Easter, and continues four weeks in the Common Room at 9:30 a.m. Some questions we will ponder: "What is the difference between optimism and hope?" "What does it mean to be a citizen and a responsible consumer?" "Have you ever been uncertain about which "prophets" to believe and what is at stake when that happens?" Come to all or some of these classes and invite someone to come with you, because we are all inhabiting Eden.

Submitted by June Eakin

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2015

Photo: Simon, Calvin, Shane, and Charlotte at Bishop Claggett Center

"By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life." -The Study Catechism



The words from the Study Catechism provide a context for the process of becoming a confirmed member of the church family. Confirmation classes are designed to invite, encourage, and help prepare young people to serve as faithful disciples and active church members. The process began with a weekend retreat at Bishop Claggett Retreat Center that focused on Reformed tradition and how it shapes our journeys of faith. Along with youth from area Presbyterian churches, four youth from Warner Church, Charlotte Cook, Shane Gillette, Calvin McGlade, and Simon Winter participated. Janet Tennent and Jan Moody served as chaperones.

The confirmation classes continue in the spring with a series of Sunday afternoon, one and a half hour sessions, 12:30 to 2:00, led by Rev. Hill and Jan Moody. Some of the topics covered in the sessions include: Bible study, overview of tenets of Reformed faith,

exploration of what it means to be part of a covenant community, and attendance at worship services of a variety of faith communities that will include visits to Jewish and Catholic congregations.

During Lent, some of the parents of the confirmands participated in a series of Wednesday evening study sessions that were designed to facilitate discussion among parents about ways, with God's help, that we can equip our children to “grow in grace and knowledge”. The book *Almost Christian*, by Kenda Creasy Dean and the Parent's Guide, *Raising Teens in an Almost Christian World* guided our discussions.

On **June 7**, the Confirmation Class will meet with the Warner Church Session for breakfast and to share their statements of faith. During the 11:00 worship service that day the new members from the class will be welcomed by the congregation.

Submitted by Jan Moody

SAVE THE DATE!

The All Church Retreat:

A Get-Away for All Ages

Where: Camp Letts, located off the Chesapeake Bay in Edgewater, Maryland

When: 7:30 pm Friday, June 12 through 7:30 pm Saturday, June 13

Activities: swimming, canoeing, hiking, renewing your spirit

Cost: \$60.00 per person covers lodging Friday night and three meals on Saturday

Event hosted by the Christian Education Commission



For more information or to sign up, contact Jan Moody, jdmooody3@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY

SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE--ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



As of March 15, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering received \$1,006.25. This is the tally at the halfway point. If you are planning to give to this worthy cause, please do so soon. We will send the total collected, sometime in April. Again, thanks to all who have given, on behalf of the many needy people who will benefit.

Cory Atwood, for the Commission to the Community

WARNER'S "TWO CENTS-A-MEAL" PROGRAM HELPS MANY HUNGRY FOLKS

Thank you all for your generous contributions to Two Cents-a-Meal in February and March! Our February total was \$215.60, and our church's discretionary 40% of that went to Rainbow Place women's shelter in Rockville. Our March collection total was \$242.00, and our discretionary portion of that will be sent to the Manna food pantry in Rockville. Your donations will go a long way toward feeding the hungry in our county.



Please join us in the church library to help count this special offering each month! Get some refreshments at the fellowship hour, and then come upstairs to the Common Room. Many hands make light work!

Submitted on behalf of Ann Rakow and friends

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord . . ." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

BOARD OF DEACONS

EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY; DID YOU KNOW...?; MANNA'S SMART SACKS



By the time you receive this MEMO, Easter will be just around the corner and the deacons will soon deliver flowering Easter plants to Warner's homebound members and friends. These flowers that will have graced the sanctuary bring a little cheer to those Warnerites who will be unable to get to the Easter service. The visits to deliver these plants give an opportunity to help these folk still feel a part of the Warner family.

Did you know that there are deacon representatives to many of the commissions? This allows the commissions to keep up-to-date with what the board of deacons is doing, and vice-versa.

Plans are being made by the deacons to collect groceries at the Safeway in Kensington for MANNA's "Smart Sacks". "Smart Sacks" is a program that gives a backpack full of kid-friendly food to elementary school children who are at risk of hunger on weekends when there is no school breakfast or lunch. We hope to collect the groceries on a Saturday in May. Check the next MEMO and upcoming Sunday bulletins for further details as they become available.

Stay tuned to the next MEMO for the latest information about the Board of Deacons....

Submitted by Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH



As a follow-up to the ideas presented at the Fellowship Hour on March 15, the Environmental Stewardship Team offers this information from *Cool Cuisine: Taking the Bite Out of Global Warming*, by Laura Stec with Eugene Cordero, Ph.D. (© 2008):

“In determining the carbon footprint of your next meal, consider these questions:

- How far do I travel to buy food and how do I get there?
- How much food am I buying—will I eat it all?
- What kind of food am I buying—is it plant based or animal based?
- Geographically, where is my food coming from?
- Is my food organic?
- How processed is my food?
- What kind of packaging is used for my food?
- Do I buy too many processed foods that need to be frozen or refrigerated?
- How am I disposing of the food and packaging waste?

“A cool cuisine would reduce your overall carbon footprint by using fewer animal products, fewer processed foods, less bottled water, and less food and packaging waste and using more fresh, organic, seasonal, and locally grown whole foods such as vegetables, fruits, and whole grains.”

For those who are interested in learning more about “Cool Cuisine,” the book is available in the church library, on loan from Mark & June Eakin.

Submitted by Barbara Shaw

Spring is here, or so we've been told. Soon, the Warner Shepherd's Garden – located on the church lawn near the terrace-narthex entrance – will be activated again. For nearly a decade, this community project has produced food for the Shepherd's Table hunger program in Silver Spring. If you can help with our garden, please contact the church office or a member of the Environmental Stewardship Team.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

WORKDAY SUCCESS

March 21 dawned chilly but quickly warmed up for our hardworking volunteers on the Spring LCYC/WMPC Workday. A huge “thank you” to Steve Dunn, Bill Burns and Ty Bragg who met the challenge to install the new hydraulic and reinstall the Sanctuary door. While some people stayed all day and others came for only a few hours; everyone’s contribution together accomplished plenty. Notice the bright lighting and clean furniture in the chancel, brighter lights in the hallways, screens in the Trinity Room, tidy rooms once again, painted pipes, clean doors, and more. The clearing weather allowed for a little outdoor work, and LCYC families raked up nearly all the sweet gum “sticky” balls. A heartfelt “thank you” to: organizer-in-chief Susan Kline, Kirby & Nancy Lawrence Hill, Susan Bates, Susan Bresee, Jan Moody, Grace Sooklal, Jimmy Kinder, Cory & Ginny Atwood, Mark & June Eakin, Marc Henri Winter, Barbara Shaw, Ruth Harvey, Ana Pinkus, Harry Trout, Steve Kline, Karen Murphy and the LCYC staff and families. Cheryl Geiger, Carol Andresen, Lill Gardner and other donors provided bounteous and delicious sustenance.

If you weren’t able to be there, but are ready to take on a task, contact June Eakin or Susan Kline. Here are a few examples of jobs still awaiting willing hands: patch the ceiling on the second floor, remove obsolete smoke alarms, paint conduit on the church office ceiling, clean windows, wipe walls in select areas, paint lines in the parking lot, and more.

The men of the Fountain of Mercy Church (meets Saturdays and Sundays in our Social Hall) have painted the girls’ and boys’ restrooms on the ground floor as well as thoroughly cleaned those restroom floors.

The B&G Commission is currently focused on recovery from the plumbing flood that occurred at the end of February, and bringing the rest of the building in shape to complement all the new improvements coming to fruition.

Submitted by June Eakin

“For the love of Christ urges us on . . . And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.”

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN ACTION AGAIN!

As we go to press, Warner PW is working on several projects for April: More than twenty Easter Baskets are beautifully filled for patients at NIH Children's Inn. Each year, everyone in the congregation can participate by donating items or funds to buy the toys, books, games, candy, baskets and decorations for this project. The families and staff at the Children's Inn greatly appreciate this mission outreach that Warner PW and Sheri Daugherty have taken on since the local unit of Church Women United dissolved. Thanks so very much for your contributions to this year's efforts.

PW hosted the Maundy Thursday supper immediately before worship on April 2nd with a menu of simple food inspired by Middle Eastern cuisine. Many thanks to all who contributed to this annual event, and especially to Ila Trautvetter, our lead hostess. If you could not come this year, make plans to attend in 2016.

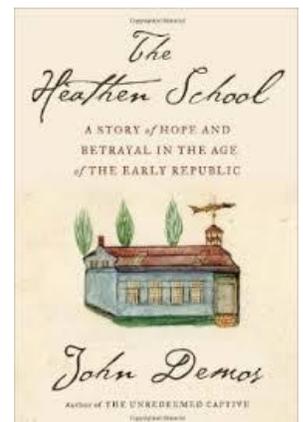


Have you signed up? This year's Spring Breakaway is Friday, April 24- Sunday, April 26 at the "cabin" near Berkeley Springs, WV. No matter the weather, we always enjoy fellowship and get out for walks in the woods or in the town. We will be carpooling and some women are returning Saturday evening. The final cost is yet to be determined and will likely be limited this year to the cost of food for the meals we prepare and cleaning. Several of us have already signed up, but there is still room for 3-4 more women to join us.. Whether you need a rest from a hectic lifestyle, some rejuvenation in a natural setting, or crave some girl-time, you are welcome to come. Contact Sue Burns or JoEllen LaPrade to register.

The donations for the Cabin Socks given to the women of Rainbow Place in February was over-the-top and we were able to purchase \$75 of personal hygiene items that were donated to Rainbow Place in March. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 28th in the church library
April's book is The Heathen School: A Story of Hope and Betrayal in the Age of the Early Republic. "The astonishing story of a unique missionary project—and the America it embodied—from award-winning historian John Demos. In *The Heathen School*, John Demos marshals his deep empathy and feel for the textures of history to tell a moving story of families and communities—and to probe the very roots of American identity." – the publisher



JOY CIRCLE

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

Lesson: Esther, in the video series *Uppity Women of the Bible*

Hostess: Sue Burns.

If you need or want a ride, contact June Eakin.

CHECK OUT OUR BULLETIN BOARD

Have you noticed our dynamic bulletin boards? Sheri Daugherty puts her creative touch on the PW and Music bulletin boards outside the church office. They are changed every few months – don't miss them! Always present on the board is our library of **Horizons Magazine** with interesting and timeless articles. You are welcome to borrow issues and return them here. Reading it helps connect us to PW around the world, in addition to devotionals, recipes and humor.

SPECIAL NOTES

- ✚ **This Just In!** The dates for Warner's annual Vacation Bible School are Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26, from 9:00 a.m. until noon each day. Look for VBS registration forms in next month's MEMO; the forms will also be available on the C.E. bulletin board near the office in the main hallway of the church.
- ✚ **The Learning Center for Young Children (LCYC)** is now accepting applications for enrollment in the 2015-2016 school year. LCYC is our play-based co-operative preschool for children aged 18 months to 4 years. Forms are available in the brochure racks. For more information visit our website or call the LCYC office.
- ✚ This year's **directory** is available! It may be found on the table outside of Jan's office. *Please take just one per family unit.*
- ✚ Children in grades K through 4th are invited to join the **Kensington Music Makers**, an entertaining and interactive music experience featuring singing, percussion ensemble, improvisation and songs from around the world. Sessions will be led by music educators John Horman and Peter Smeallie. Dates: Mondays, April 13-May 11, 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. Location: Common Room, Warner Church, Cost: \$25. To register, contact Jan Moody, jdmoody3@gmail.com. Registration forms are also available in the church's main hallway, on the bulletin board outside the C.E. office.
- ✚ Please call Sharon Allen, 301-213-4654, for more information about her Jacki Sorensen Dance Aerobics class. Spring Session will begin April 8—next week! Try it one day for FREE! All are welcome!

WARNER PEOPLE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Pressure: a burdensome, distressing or weighty condition. Is the pressure on right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two? Our **Stephen Ministers** can help. Contact Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or Rev. Hill to find out more about Stephen Ministry.

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:27

MAY MEMO SUBMITTALS

Please submit articles and notices for the May issue of the Warner MEMO **by Monday, April 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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