

December, 2014

# THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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## WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN DECEMBER

### Sunday, December 7

*Communion*

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 40 : 1-11 ; Mark 1 : 1-8*

*“Appropriate Preparation”*

### Sunday, December 14

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*Lessons and Carols*

### Sunday, December 21

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Romans 16 : 25-27 ; Luke 1 : 26-38*

*“A Powerful Combination”*

### Wednesday, December 24

**Christmas Eve**

*Early Service 7 p.m.*

*Late Service 11 p.m. (with music preludes beginning at 10:30 p.m.)*

*Isaiah 9 : 2-7 ; Luke 2 : 1-20*

*“A Response to Good News”*

### Sunday, December 28

*Guest Minister: Denise Anderson*

Every day of the week, you can help adults and children in our community who are struggling below the poverty level. Please remember to bring cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the **Mid-County United Ministries'** food pantry in Wheaton. Together, we can continue to fill the big wooden “hunger barrel” in the Warner narthex. Thank you!

**On Sunday, December 21**, Warner will collect the monthly “Two Cents-a-Meal” donations. Your coins and dollars will help hunger relief programs locally (including MUM), plus nationwide and overseas.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

“The Green Pastures” is a Pulitzer Prize winning play written in 1930 by Marc Connelly. It portrays episodes from the Old Testament as seen through the eyes of a young African-American child in the depression-era South, who interprets the bible in terms familiar to her. In one scene, De Lawd (the Lord) is anxiously looking out over heaven’s walls trying to decide what to do with the dreadful human situation on earth. The angel, Gabriel, enters with his horn tucked under his arm. Sensing the Lord’s dilemma, he brushes his lips across the trumpet to keep the feel of it and asks, “Lord, has the time come for me to blow the trumpet?” “No, no,” comes the reply. “Don’t touch the trumpet, not yet.” God continues to think through how to respond to the problem. Gabriel makes some suggestions about possible plans. The angel urges God to send someone like Moses or David, or one of the prophets like Isaiah or Jeremiah to tend to the situation. Without looking back at Gabriel, God says, “I am not going to send anyone. This time I am going myself!” All of this sets up the most stirring line from Gabriel: “Gangway! Gangway for de Lawd God Jehovah!”

Advent is a time when we ‘gangway’ for the coming of the Lord. We hear Isaiah’s plea to “prepare the way of the Lord.” How do we prepare the way into our hearts?

- Through worshipful singing and prayer;
- Through lighting candles and bringing some kind of light to those who live in darkness;
- Through thoughtful giving and spirit-filled celebration.

Check the calendar enclosed in this Memo. How else will you ‘gangway’ for the coming of the Lord?

With joy and anticipation,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **WARNER'S ADVENT CELEBRATION**

On Sunday, December 7, the Christian Education Commission will host an inter-generational church school class that will feature an Advent Jeopardy game to test your knowledge of the Christmas story as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Following worship, all are invited to an Advent Luncheon in the Social Hall. Following the meal, there will be a Carol-Sing-A-Long. Bring a friend!

### **OUR NEXT PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO)—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

The Friday night two hour program for children ages four to ten continues to be a big success with parents and their children. Eleven children signed up for November's PNO and parents have already begun signing up for the December 12 PNO. The fun begins at 6:00 pm in room four downstairs. Activities include a winter craft, meal, and video. Cost: one new children's hat for the Angel Tree.

To sign up, e-mail Jan Moody

[jdmoody3@gmail.com](mailto:jdmoody3@gmail.com)



**INTERFAITH YOUTH FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE (IYCJ)** led a workshop entitled the Story of Stuff. Four youth from the Warner Youth group attended: Leigh and Charlotte Cook, Julia Cope, and Ana Pinkus. The group learned about marketing strategies that encourage consumption and waste. The group discussed ways to reduce waste and increase awareness of marketing trends that try to persuade us to replace products with new and improved versions rather than finding ways to repair or repurpose our stuff. Warner's youth group plans to participate in upcoming events sponsored by the IYCJ in 2015.

## YOUTH SERVE AT RAINBOW PLACE

Warner Youth, Andrei Pinkus, Charlotte Cook, Alex Happy, and Simon Winter helped to serve meals to the women at Rainbow Place on November 22. In addition to earning Student Service Learning hours, they had an opportunity to help needy neighbors and follow Christ's call to feed the hungry.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### NEW FLOWER CHARTS READY FOR SIGN-UP

We have ordered 32 poinsettias--24 red and 8 white--to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Please sign up on the chart, one line for each poinsettia you wish to donate (or take home after the Christmas Eve service). The cost is the same as last year: \$9.50 per plant. Please put your checks in the offering plates before the end of the year. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our Christmas season.

Also, the new flower chart for Sunday sanctuary flowers is now on the bulletin board outside the office. Flowers continue to be \$40 unless you specify that you want a larger bouquet. Checks for sanctuary flowers should be marked "flowers" on the memo line and put in the offering plates close to the Sunday you donate the flowers. Thanks to all who donate the chancel flowers, which add to our adoration of God in our services and allow shut-ins to also enjoy their beauty.

--Kay Gorman

## COMMUNITY

### **DONATE NEW CAPS AND HATS FOR THIS YEAR'S ANGEL TREE COLLECTION**

Throughout the season of Advent we will be collecting new hats, sizes child to adult, for families that are helped by the Interfaith Clothing Center in Rockville. Please leave your donations in the hat box on the stage of the Social Hall.

### **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

Throughout December, Warner collects your donations to the annual Presbyterian (PC-USA) Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes are in the Sanctuary pew racks, and also in this paper copy of the Warner *MEMO*. Your gifts to this offering help the Board of Pensions, and schools and colleges of our denomination. Please make checks payable to WMPC.

### **YOUR DONATED SHOES TRAVELED MANY MILES!**

Congratulations Warnerites! You did a great job of cleaning out your closets. We delivered around 350 pairs of shoes, boots, slippers, and other footwear to Rukunda International. Many of the donations were in excellent shape and will certainly be given to people in need. The remainder will be recycled, keeping them out of landfills.

At the exchange rate with their partner (2500 pairs of shoes= \$1000) we have helped Rukunda International toward their goal of providing Christian education to the children of Kabale, Uganda. Thank you all for your help with this project!

Kay Gorman

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE HELD AT WARNER**

Warner Memorial Church was the host congregation for the annual Kensington-North Chevy Chase Thanksgiving service, held on Tuesday, November 25. Choirs and visitors from several faiths gathered here to sing and give thanks. An offering collected at that service (benefitting Shepherd's Table hunger program in Silver Spring and Doctors Without Borders international relief program) totaled **\$1,623**.

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Are you new to Warner or have been at Warner a while but always wondered what exactly the Board of Deacons does? The deacons are officers of the church whose duties are the ministry of compassion to members/friends of Warner as well as to the community. Throughout 2014, our duties have included weekly flower deliveries to the homebound, occasionally providing receptions after memorial services, ministering to flock members as needed, and assisting with the MUM (Mid-county United Ministries) booth at the Kensington Labor Day parade, to name just a few things.

Read on for information on recent activities.....

- In November, the deacons coordinated Warner's participation in the preparation and serving of Saturday dinners at Rainbow Place shelter in Rockville. We would like to thank all Warnerites who either prepared a dish or served. At our October meeting, the volunteer coordinator from Rainbow Place, Barbara Goodwin was our guest speaker. She spoke of how much the women at the shelter enjoy the food we prepare. Our hope is that either Barbara or the director, Nancy Sushinsky, will come and speak during Sunday school in January. Warner's next time to serve will be in February 2015, so mark your calendar now. Stay tuned.
- At our December meeting, on the 15th, the deacons will be assembling Christmas baskets for the homebound. We always have fun preparing these baskets, and this year maybe a few surprises will be tucked inside! During the holidays we will also be delivering poinsettias from the Christmas season services. These deliveries provide excellent opportunities for the deacons to help our shut-ins still feel a part of Warner.
- Stay tuned to the January MEMO for NEW YEAR activities of the Board of Deacons.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Warnerites for their support of the deacons and to wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2015.

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

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.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!**

Thanks to all who helped with work day projects this fall--about 15 church members and many LCYC parents. Help is always appreciated - people volunteered during the week, Thursday evening, and on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We cleaned the kitchen and all the heating convectors, added a hook to the back of the new bathroom door, painted two cabinets in the nursery, painted the ground floor hallway ceiling and conduit, pruned trees, trimmed ivy, painted and repaired playground equipment, fixed window cranks, and cleaned out and added to the sand in the sandbox. The Latino Fellowship that meets in the social hall on Saturday and Sunday evenings painted the social hall. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and the camaraderie of working together to make our building and grounds more functional and beautiful. If you missed work day, and would like a project, please contact Susan Kline.

### **BUILDING HEAT**

Since the weather is getting colder now, just a note about the building's heat: we recently discovered a leak in the radiant heat piping under the floors of rooms 2,3 & 4, and had to cut that loop off from the boiler since the pipes are within the concrete floor and inaccessible. We have portable heaters in each of the affected classrooms, and are working diligently to provide a long term solution as soon as possible. We also discovered a crack in the boiler, and have had that replaced (it was still under warranty), so the rest of the church has heat.

### **DONATION IN MEMORY OF BOB NESS**

We also had the middle maple tree along Connecticut Avenue cut down since it was half dead, and trimmed the holly tree near the narthex. The Ness family very generously donated a new tree in memory of their dad, long-time member Bob Ness, and we had a lovely small ceremony before planting it on work day.

Submitted by Susan Kline



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### **PW ANNUAL MEETING 2014**

The program at our annual meeting on December 16 was a wonderful look back at the history of Presbyterian Women at Warner through archival materials, as well as the remembrances of a few of our longtime members.



Bill Burns produced an amazing video describing the early years at Warner, including charming interviews with Charity Singletary, Bob and Ila Trautvetter, and Marie and Ted Rosche.

A treasure trove of artifacts from Warner's early years, uncovered during construction, and lovingly organized by a group of Warner women, was the subject of a display produced by Cheryl Geiger, Janet Tennent and Lisa Smeallie. It provided a fascinating look into the activities of Presbyterian women long ago, when the group called itself the Presbyterian Mission Society. Included were budgets, bank books, cook books, meeting minutes and records of the group's activities as far back as 1894, when the focus was primarily on foreign missionary work.



Others in the Congregation might enjoy viewing the video and the display as well.

### **PW CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014**

Everyone is invited to the annual PW Christmas Caroling and Cookie Party on December 9 at 7:30 at Lisa Smeallie's home. We all bring cookies, and those we don't eat at the party will be served at our Cookie Reception during Fellowship Hour on December 14, or given to the Deacons to pack up in tins and distribute for Christmas. Contributions of cookie tins are also welcome.





## PW COORDINATING TEAM MEETING

The team will meet Saturday, January 10 at the church (10:30 AM in the Trinity Room) to plan Spring

activities for Presbyterian Women. Everyone is welcome to attend, and encouraged to bring their suggestions for activities.

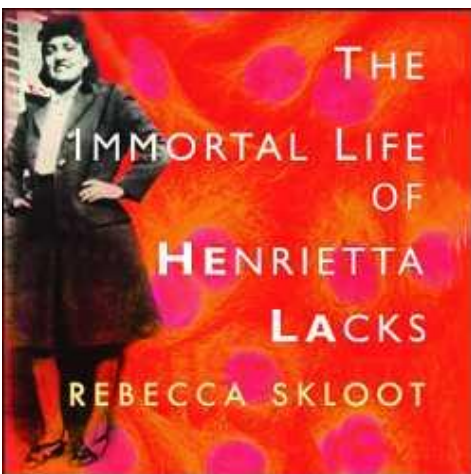
## JOY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Joy Circle meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in the church library. Bible study will resume in January, when we continue our video lesson and discussion format. The next segment of the “Uppity Women of the Bible” video series will be the Song of Solomon.



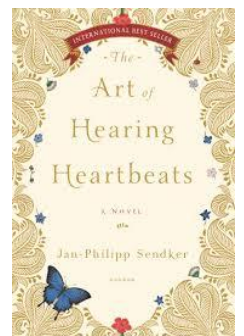
All Warner women are welcome to attend. No need to read a lesson beforehand, just come and watch the video and join the discussion.

## WMPC WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



The book group will meet on Tuesday evening, January 27, to discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This non-fiction work provides an important glimpse into the state of medical treatment in this country in the mid-twentieth century; an excellent weaving of the scientific and human sides of a heartbreaking story. Everyone is welcome to join the party, whether they have read the book or not.

For those who like to read ahead, the next selection, for our meeting on February 20, is "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Jan-Philipp Sendker.



## PW CHURCHWIDE GATHERING 2015

This year the PW Worldwide Gathering is scheduled for three days in July in Minneapolis. See June Eakin for details.



## PW EMAIL LIST

Anyone wishing to change, delete, or add their email address to the Presbyterian Women's Email List, please contact Lisa Smeallie.

**MORE INFORMATION [CLICK HERE]**

# Brass & Voices Celebrate: Holiday Benefit Concert

Presented by  
Rockville Brass Band and  
Silver Spring Christmas Chorale

Supporting  
**American Red Cross**  
@ Walter Reed  
Serving Wounded Warriors



**DECEMBER 6 • 8PM**

# ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

## WMPC FINANCES YEAR-TO-DATE OCTOBER 31, 2014

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over(Under) Budget
Pledges	\$285,230	\$237,692	\$234,968	(2,723)
Total Income	\$386,555	\$322,129	\$333,083	\$10,954
Expenses	\$386,555	\$322,129	\$332,067	\$9,938
Net Income(Loss) o	0	0	\$1,016	



## 2014 DONATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 28

Just as a reminder, in order for your contributions to qualify for a 2014 tax deduction, we must receive your check, cash, or charge before December 31 and it would be most convenient if we receive them by the last Sunday in December, 12/28/14. If you would like to review your giving for 2014, contact Sharon Allen, the pledge bookkeeper.

## INFORMATION ABOUT ONLINE DONATIONS

Through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange, you can give to our church by debit/credit card or EFT via our website. Click on this link to go to the new donation page: [donate](#), and you can set up a recurring payment. (You can also follow the links from the Warner website.) Please be aware that when you give, there is an administrative fee of 1% for direct transfer from your bank account, or 3.7% fee for credit/debit card transactions. We are grateful to those who increase their donation to cover these costs. For example, your credit card payment of \$207.46 results in a \$200 deposit to our account.

## WARNER PEOPLE

### **AFTER MANY YEARS ON STAFF, JUNE EAKIN STEPS ASIDE SOON**

The Session expresses its deep gratitude to June Eakin for the wonderful job she has done as our administrative assistant for over nine years. June has let the Session know that she is ready for a new chapter in her work life and will be stepping back from her staff position in January. We are glad that June will still be around Warner, but in a volunteer capacity going forward. The Personnel Committee will begin its search for a new administrative assistant soon. [Note: The Warner MEMO editors add their thanks to June for her devoted help each month with this newsletter.]

### **IN MEMORIAM--TOMCARDIN**

Tom Cardin, the husband of Warner deacon Jennie Cardin, died on October 12 from pneumonia. Tom was 53, and lived most of his life with cystic fibrosis. Although not a member of Warner, he supported our events as much as possible. He was an inspiration and a delightful person. Please keep Jennie and other family members in your prayers.

### **A STEPHEN MINISTER MAY HELP YOU OR A LOVED ONE**

For someone who will listen and help you find the resources you need to get through a tough time, Warner Church has a trained Stephen Minister who is ready, willing and able to care for you. For more information about this confidential program, please contact Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or Rev. Hill at the church office.

### **NEW ADDRESSES**

Dana Lemaster has a new apartment number:

4400 East West Hwy, #708

Marlene Montgomery has moved to be near her family. Marlene's new address:

10348 Merlin Way

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Telephone: 541-887-2028

Marjorie Parce has moved in with her son, Bruce Parce :  
10203 Greenfield St.  
Kensington, MD 20895  
Marjorie's cell phone #: 301-892-0415

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Scott Bunn
- 3 Carol Fineman, Ginger Kleinguenther
- 3 Mark Eakin
- 4 Mary Barber, Ty Bragg
- 11 Ted Human, Varsha Datta
- 14 Mary Landfair, Simona Letizia
- 17 Brian Eakin
- 18 Andrei Pinkus
- 19 Sharon Daugherty
- 20 Brad Hill
- 21 Leigh Cook
- 22 Laura Kline
- 24 Jordan Hill
- 25 Vol Moody, Tim Cook
- 27 Donald Stalker, Bill Landfair
- 28 Mary Cameron, Eric Adams
- 30 Loyce Bowen, Susan Middleswarth, Cynthia Firman
- 31 Calvin McGlade

## NEXT MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the January Warner MEMO **by Saturday, December 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](mailto:memo@warnermemorial.org) ...and we thank you for your contributions!

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