

December 2018

# THE WARNER MEMO



*“... you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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# FROM THE PASTOR

## The Story

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son  
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,  
and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no place for them in the inn.*

I love this season. I love just about everything about it. Even the commercials that come way too soon. Seems like we skipped Thanksgiving altogether this year and went straight from Halloween to brand new cars with huge red bows on them. (By the way, I've always wondered, is Lexi the plural form of Lexus?) Honestly, confession is good for the soul, to an extent anyways, I even get a kick out of all the Black Friday shopping madness. I guess it's just a reminder of why Jesus needed to be born in the first place. Yes, we really do need him around here!

It's too much for some people. Way too much! And I get that. You know, all the extra parties where all the extra eating and drinking takes place. And all of the 24/7 Christmas music. Which really isn't Christmas music most of the time. More like holiday music. Not to mention the Grinch playing 24/7 and all the other holiday movies. Especially the Hallmark variety where old Saint Nick helps bad-acting models find their soul mate just in time for Christmas. All of it happening in front of a fireplace. Of course, in between all that, every 15 minutes or so, we get the adverts. You know, the commercialization. The buying and spending and going into debt. It's a bit much, church, I'll give you that. More than a bit. But so was Jesus' birth.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not saying go out there and eat, drink and buy yourself into, well, don't do that. What I'm saying is hear the story. In Scripture, of course, and in sermons, hopefully, and in all those beautiful Christmas carols and in Bible Study and in Advent devotions and in wreath-making classes and in candlelight services, make time this season for The Story. Because it really is the best ever. And think, think again, about what it means that God loved us so much that Jesus was born for us. And not into some

lofty throne, but in a stinking sheep pen. I know it gets pretty mad out there around this time of year, then again, think about how outrageous the incarnation is! The story of how God's only Son came to be with us. God loved us so much that he moved into our neighborhood, church.

Amidst all the noise, all the sales, all the craziness, all the running around, I hope you hear The Story! Because it really is extraordinary. Incredible. Extravagant. Over-the-top. But that's how much God loves us.

*And suddenly there was with the angel  
a multitude of the heavenly host,  
praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace, goodwill among people."*

Peace and Goodwill!

Rev. Todd

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**(Subject to change, by the Holy Spirit!)**

### **Sunday, December 2nd**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

Luke 21:20-36

"Look Alive"

Luke 1:26-38 & Luke 1:39-45

"Gabriel Visits Mary",

a Chancel Drama

### **Sunday, December 9th**

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

Matthew 1:1-17

"Ancestry.Bible"

### **Monday, December 24th**

*Christmas Eve*

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20

& John 1:1-5, 14

"Three Lessons, Two Carols,  
One Word"

### **Sunday, December 16th**

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

*Christmas Music Program*

### **Sunday, December 30th**

*1st Sunday after Christmas*

Dave Grace, Preaching

Scriptures and Title TBA

### **Sunday, December 23rd**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

## SPECIAL NOTES



Please support the good work of our Deacons. Their funding comes only from specially marked, individual donations collected on the first Sunday of each month. Please also bring non-perishable food to our Hunger Barrel in the Narthex. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

### **The Memo Editor is Retiring**

Sharon Allen has been called to focus on other volunteer work at Warner, and in order for the Memo to continue, volunteers are needed! If you have an interest in helping with some part of the process of editing, providing photos, clip-art, quotes, printing and publishing online, please do come forward—you can be part of a team.

As always, please submit your completed article to [memo@warnermemorial.org](mailto:memo@warnermemorial.org), today through Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, **in order for the Memo to be published and distributed by the first Sunday in January.**

Thank you for your contributions!

### **Thank-you note from Sheri Daugherty:**

“Thanks to Dave Grace, Prince, Presley, Preston and Petrina Harrell-Mitchell and their cousins for bringing up the Chancel tree and assorted greens. Thanks to June Eakin for finding the decorations. Great thanks to Beatrice & Marc Henri Winter and Susan Middleswarth & Andrew D’Souza for helping to “poof” and decorate the Chancel tree. Additional appreciation goes to both couples for assembling the tree, getting all the strings of lights to light and getting the motor correctly plugged in so that the tree can rotate. As always, special thanks to Dave Daugherty for being ever present with his assistance.”

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

## **Big News!**

Christmas is coming! And with its coming it brings change. This year we will still celebrate Christmas and the birth of our Lord on Christmas Eve (Yea!!). But mark the time change on your calendar and share with family and friends who may be gathering with you on Christmas Eve. This years' service (only one) will be at 8:00 p.m. with musical preludes at 7:30 p.m.

Advent comes every year, and each year it is new. It brings us opportunities to newly experience the miracle of the birth of Jesus and the miracle of God's love for us. Each Sunday in Advent will be special, setting the stage for us to focus on God's love throughout the following week. December 2 - We light the first candle in our Advent wreath. This candle represents hope. The second candle represents love; the third represents joy; and the fourth represents peace. The white candle, lit on Christmas Eve, represents Christ. During Sunday School there will be an intergenerational activity of making Advent wreaths to take home. December 9 - After the service and fellowship, the Sunday Speaker Series will feature our own Barbara Jaquette. Barbara's topic is Advent, of course. December 16 - The choir opens our hearts to God and His gifts through music and readings. This is always special and meaningful. We thank the choir, Peter and Sungho for sharing their many musical talents of voice and instrument. This is also the day for Warner's annual cookie reception during fellowship. Please bring your favorite cookies to share. After fellowship, PW will be packing tins of cookies to be delivered by the Deacons. December 23 - During the service on this last Sunday of Advent, hold onto your hats. Stage Director, Sheri Daugherty, is in the house along with Joseph and Mary, and of course God. It will be a special service and warm our hearts in a unique way as we prepare for Christmas Eve and the big event -- celebration of the birth of Jesus! Remember, Christmas Eve service begins with musical preludes at 7:30 p.m.

Kay Gorman

## **Save the Date!**

On Sunday December 9th, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., in the Common Room, Barbara Jaquette, long time member of Warner, and a retired teacher and pastoral counselor, will be the last Sunday Speaker in 2018. I urge you to try to be present.

The Sunday Speaker Series is organized by the Commission to the Community and the Christian Education Commission. Its goals are to deepen our faith by offering opportunities to illuminate pathways to follow Christ's call to us, and to help equip us to serve this calling.

With these goals in mind, we have tasked Barbara with helping us to see how each experience that we have provides a thread, dark or light, which gets woven into the tapestries of our lives, and that it is important to share and honor what we do during the Advent Season so that we can be ready, no matter what the circumstances, to welcome the Christ Child's arrival.

Ina Rae Kramer

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Advent Devotion, Ruth, and Parents**

Advent is a season of expectation and hope. At the same time, it is a season of repentance. Hope and repentance are intimately tied together because changing our minds and actions (or repenting) expresses the hope that the good life – or the good news life – is possible and worthwhile. Thus, we can say repentance is an act of hope. Yet, it is hard to have hope sometimes, and repentance is easier said than done. We remember the road to hope takes us to the cross, and it takes us away from our delusions of grandeur. In Romans, we read that hope is born through suffering (Romans 5:2-5). In Advent hope and Advent repentance, we are called to immerse our heart, soul, and mind in the Truth – to bathe in

resurrection Light. We are called to look closely at sin and suffering in us and the world, and, in Christ, we may see the groaning of a new creation.

CE is currently convening parents with (or expecting) newborns for four meetings to study the book of Ruth around Advent time. Ruth is a story of hope set in a difficult time in Israel's early history. Ruth is filled with Advent hope. When we let Ruth's narrative work its way into our lives, we may hear Ruth's call for repentance in us today.

It goes like this... there is a famine in the house of bread (Bethlehem), and a family - Elimelech, Naomi, and two sons - has to migrate from that Promised Land to Moab: closely related enemy land on the other side of the Dead Sea. It seems they had just passed by Moab – either through or around it<sup>1</sup> - in the Exodus to get to Canaan/Judah, and now they are going back to Moab! Thus, this would be seen as an undesirable movement to say the least, and in a sense, it could represent a backward movement toward debt slavery in Egypt, or, more proximately, rule under the Moabites – such as under King Eglon who is said to have ruled over them for eighteen years (Judges 3:12-30). However, there are motifs in Ruth that register salvific understanding: Specifically, the sequence of Promised Land famine<sup>2</sup> and migration, to foreign land and return to

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<sup>1</sup> J. Maxwell Miller, 'The Israelite Journey through (Around) Moab and Moabite Toponymy' *Journal of Biblical Literature* (SBL: 1989). A review of Numbers 21:10-20, 33:5-49, Deuteronomy 2, and Judges 11:12-28. The latter two propose different paths, through and around, respectively, while the former "conflates" the two (p.585).

<sup>2</sup> If we were to ask how we understand the existence of famine theologically, we should look at the total depravity of humankind. The narrative in Judges supplies ample evidence here: The account of warfare against the inhabitants of Canaan/the Promised Land/Judah (Judges 1) is not celebratory – being not 'won' or resolved but resulting in continuing political instability and strife (Judges 2:14-23), and assimilation with pre-existing population through marriage (Judges 3:5-6); The bulk of the book offers a cycle of rule under a Judge/chieftain, followed by disorder and worship of other gods.

Promised Land, is structured around the larger motif of God's redemption of God's people.

In Ruth, God's redemption plan is seen intimately through interpersonal acts: Ruth makes a covenant with Naomi, following Naomi's trust that God will provide food in Bethlehem as she has heard, prompting their return at the time of the Barley Harvest (1:6,16-17, 22); Ruth gleans in the field of Elimelech's kin, Boaz (1:16-17); Boaz – the kinsman redeemer – redeems/buys Elimelech's property and has a levirate-like marriage with Ruth, leading to the birth of Obed (4:1-12,13); Naomi cares for the child (4:14-17), though she had considered herself bitter and empty (1:20-21). This child becomes an ancestor of David (4:17), leading to Ruth's inclusion in Jesus's genealogy in Matthew's gospel (Matthew 1:5) and perhaps also in Luke's gospel, though only Obed and Boaz are listed (Luke 3:32). However, under the assumptions of levirate marriage, it is possible that the widow and kinsman redeemer's child is assumed as part of the lineage of the deceased husband's family (see Deuteronomy 25:5-10)—this seems to be suggested in Ruth 4:10. Ruth's status as a foreigner is never discarded in the book of Ruth, and there is a real question of whether she is only conceived in terms of her utility as a surrogate mother for Naomi and Elimelech. As the Women's Bible Commentary notes, "it is the reader's task to determine whether this book affirms Ruth or ultimately erases her, whether she serves as moral exemplar or as a warning against sexually forward Gentile women."<sup>3</sup>

The fact that the foreigners in Jesus' genealogy have been preserved through tradition and included in the Bible – though certainly not always well treated – should raise the questions of who the foreigner is today. How do our families include or exclude

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<sup>3</sup> Amy-Jill Levine, 'Ruth' in Carol Newsom and Sharon Ringe, eds., *The Women's Bible Commentary*, (Louisville, Westminster/John Knox: 1992) p.79



such persons? Where does Advent hope reconfigure our sense of family?

Dave Grace, C.E. Director

## **COMMUNITY**

### **2018 Joy Offering**

In the lead-up to Christmas, many of us spend time in search of the perfect gift — the gift that communicates to family and friends how much we love and care for them. We search our memories for indications of what gift might cause the faces of our loved ones to light up on Christmas morning. We scour the stores and shops, hoping to come across the thing that will communicate a depth that our words cannot.

For those of us brought together in the expectation of Christmas, we know that the only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ — a perfect gift from a gracious God. We should remember when looking for our perfect gifts, the words of James in the New Testament when he says, “every generous act of giving ... is from above.” As important as gifts to our loved ones are, the importance of the season is to remember the gift which gave us love and peace, compassion and forgiveness.

Contributions to the Joy Offering during this Christmas season help to keep this message alive and meaningful by supporting church leaders among us -- retired, present and future -- who have helped point us to God. These funds support church workers in need of financial help, whether due to declining health or a catastrophic event, such as Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. The Christmas Joy Offering provides for those needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.

It also supports new leaders called by God to the Church and the world through leadership development programs for people of color, and education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The generosity of Presbyterians

means a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come, spreading an understanding of the meaning of that perfect gift on the first Christmas.

While we can never match God's perfect gift in Jesus, the Christmas Joy Offering allows us to testify to the graciousness of God's gift to us. Our gift can be one that supports the work of leaders in our Church and in the world to help spread the knowledge and understanding of God's Christmas gift to us all.

Please donate during this Christmas season to the Joy Offering using the envelopes in your pews. Make checks out to Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church noting that the donation is for the Joy Offering.

Have a Merry and Joyful Christmas!

Ty Bragg

### **Warmth of an Angel Tree**

Winter weather began with a blast of arctic cold on Thanksgiving. Many of our fellow beloved children of God need warm clothing. The purpose of our Angel Tree this year is to provide warm clothing to the Interfaith Works Clothing Center: mittens, scarves, hats, vests, sweaters, and especially, warm socks. Keep in mind that all sizes of people get cold, but especially those who are homeless.

Monica Berberis-Young, the Manager of the Interfaith Works Clothing Center (<http://www.iworksmc.org/interfaith-works-clothing-center/>), loves the idea that we at Warner, who all year provide gifts for children through their Birthday Closet, would like to give our Angel Tree gifts to people of all ages who are in extreme need. She said that Interfaith Works is always being asked by clients for sizes XX and XXX. Not many items in those sizes are brought to the clothing center. But all sizes and all types of warm clothing will be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your unwrapped items of warm clothing, new, or like-new, clean and folded, and place them underneath the Angel Tree which you will find in the church Library (the right side of the Common Room). We will deliver your gifts to Interfaith Works on Friday December 21, the first day of winter, and in time for Christmas.

Thank you!

Susan Bresee, for the Commission to the Community

### **Those we Support in Brazil**

*Since about 2001, Warner has been supporting Hope Unlimited for Children, an organization that rescues kids from the streets of Brazilian cities and gives them a home, a Christian community, basic education, and vocational training. Over the years, they have had several campuses, including City of Youth and Hope Mountain. Recently, we have received a series of short articles, mostly written by Corenne Smith, the founder's wife, telling what has become of some of these children. This month and next, we intend to present several of these portraits in the Memo. Here is the first:*

Marconi is at least 300 lbs. (He's shown at right with his family.) His voice is deep, and he's a bit gruff. He is the well-respected head of maintenance and transportation at the Hope Mountain campus. His mother abandoned the family of six kids. His father's life was in the underworld, and he was tortured and killed in front of his kids. But the nightmare had just begun.



“I remember the date, September 13, 1999, as if it were yesterday. It was the worst day of my life. It was the day they shoved me, my brother, and my five sisters into a van. Each time the van stopped, they dropped off another one of my siblings, as if they were

puppies. Each time I lost one more piece of my heart. I was the last one to be dropped off. At 11, I was the oldest, and I had failed to keep my family together."

Hope Mountain had just opened with a handful of boys, and Marconi was one of the first. One day, he announced that he was running away to find his little brother, who was a deaf mute. Pastor Uelide and his wife, Rosa, explained the laws regarding having a six-year-old on the campus, especially one with special needs, but to no avail. In order to keep Marconi, we would have to find a way to bring "Muffin Head." We did. Eighteen years later, his special-needs brother, always with a smile on his face, still comes to the campus with Marconi every single day.

Marconi always had one dream: to reunite his family. He was finally able to achieve that dream: he built a home for himself and "Muffin Head" which has quarters behind his house for his siblings. He wants to be sure they will never be homeless or separated again.

Marconi is getting married in December to his fiancé, Flavia, who works in finance at Hope Mountain. But he has some serious medical issues requiring surgery. Unfortunately, he has to lose a lot of weight first. Please pray for him; what better wedding present than successful weight loss and surgery? He believes in the power of prayer—God answered his in re-uniting his family.

Cory Atwood

### **Why Two Cents-a-Meal?**

Why is it that we kept the name "Two Cents a Meal" when Presbytery changed the name of its special collection to address hunger to "Cents and Cents-Ability"? First, because of that widow that we met in the bible story who contributed two coins - and it was enough to please the Lord; and second because in some parts of the world, American pennies will go much farther than they will here - so two cents would provide a meal; and third, because we

are grateful to receive any individual offering to fight hunger, no matter the amount.

Note: 60% of money donated will remain in a Special Funds Account until a check is written to Presbytery once every six months, and the other 40% will go the group we have selected per two-month period (for example 40% of a check that is received in December or in January will go to Rainbow Place). The money donated is not distributed equally over the year. Knowing this, you might have a favorite organization on our list which you would like your donation to support.

**Two Cents A Meal - Collected Every 3rd Sunday!**

60% is sent to Presbytery for “Cents and Cents-Ability” which is used for regional and national hunger programs.

40% is sent to Feeding Programs which we ourselves choose.

Dec. - Jan.	Rainbow Place
Feb. - Mar.	Manna
Apr. - May	Shepard’s Table
June - July	Capital Area Food Bank
Aug, - Sep.	(F.H.F.H.) Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry
Oct. - Nov.	(M.U.M.) Mid-County United Ministries

The future of the Two Cents-a-Meal collection is still uncertain because there may not be a team that will administer it. Please search your hearts, and if you believe that you could be a member of that team, or even be willing to Co-Chair that team with Ann Rakow, get in touch with Ann or me, and let us know. Thank you, and may you enjoy all of the blessings of Advent and Christmas.

Ina Rae Kramer, Chair, Community Commission

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## Insulated Windows

Four new windows were recently installed in the ground floor classrooms to improve emergency egress. Additionally, the new windows are insulated and reflect heat, to make the interior warmer in winter and cooler in the summer.

## Ocean Plastics Awareness

You've probably heard about the giant garbage patch of the Pacific Ocean, and the danger plastics bring to wildlife of the oceans (turtles, albatross, fish), and everywhere. *How does so much plastic get into the ocean?* One of the primary sources is streams that flow to rivers that flow to the ocean. *What can you do?* Avoid one-time use plastics (1/2-liter bottles, plastic bags, etc.) and properly recycle all that you can. Learn more at: <https://oceanplasticlab.net>

*Does the county pick up the plastic bags collected at stores?* No! Plastic film recycling is a program of the Flexible Film Recycling Group (FFRG). Recently there's been a lot of negative news on recycling. And while recycling markets do face serious challenges, there are areas that are making progress. One of those areas is plastic film recycling. It's possible to recycle more than only plastic grocery bags. Drop-off locations in our area accept clean, dry bags and wrap with no food particles or contamination: retail or grocery bags (even vegetable bags), newspaper or dry-cleaning bags, plastic case wrap (around water bottles, snacks, toilet paper, napkins, diapers, flowers, etc.). With holiday shopping in full sway, you will probably receive lots of packaging. Please remember to bring plastic (polyethylene) film to a drop location (NOT in your Montgomery County blue bin). To find a drop-off location near you or learn more about PE film, and how it's recycled go to: <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org>

**The next meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Team will be Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 12:45.**

June Eakin



**As we conclude 2018...**

Presbyterian Women at Warner have had another year full of activities, service and memorable moments together at church and in the community. To review just a few of those, we have enjoyed: book club, Joy Circle, volunteering at Books to Prisons, assisting Sheri with Easter baskets to NIH, serving at Rainbow Place, sharing the Gifts of Women Sunday, gathering for a spring and fall retreat, preparing meals for the Harvest Brunch, and so much more!!! We welcome Ginny Atwood to the PW Coordinating team for the 2019-2020 term as our new Treasurer and look forward to more Warner Memorial Presbyterian Women joining with us next year in any of the above activities, our meetings and conversations.

**PW Cookies and Caroling**

We look forward to gathering together for fellowship with Warner women, sisters and friends at Lisa Smeallie's home on Tuesday



December 11<sup>th</sup> to sing carols and enjoy cookies. For more information, please reach out to Lisa. Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will pack tins full of cookies for the Deacons and encourage you to bring your favorite cookies to be shared

at the Cookie Reception. Hope to see you there!

## 'Tis the Season of Giving!

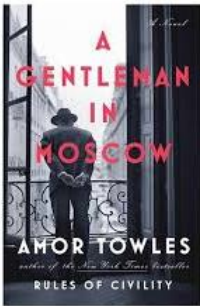
The PW will continue to host our Gift Fair during Fellowship Hour following service on Sundays. Some of our offerings include: coffees and chocolates from around the world, holiday cards



designed by our very own Tim Cook, and items from Partners for Just Trade including Christmas tree ornaments, earrings, and other unique gifts. *Cash or checks accepted.*

## PW Book Club and Joy Circle

There will be no book club or Joy Circle for the month of December, but we will resume in the New Year with the first book



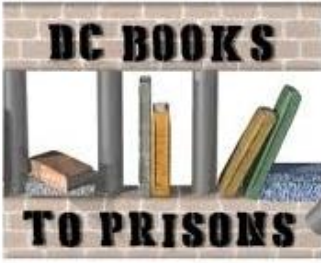
club meeting of 2019 scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> and Joy Circle will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. January's book selection is titled "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. A summary of the book reads: "When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel

across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery."

All are welcome to join either the book club or Joy Circle whether or not you have read the book or lesson from the Bible Study.



## **Books to Prisons**



As we look forward to making way for the New Year, please review your libraries and book collections for any copies that could be donated to Books to Prisons and sent to inmates around the country. They are always in need of paperback books in good condition in either English or Spanish.

The types of books they are in need of include: dictionaries, thesauruses, GED preparation, trade or DIY books, how to draw, game and puzzle books, ESL/ESOL, memoirs/biographies of historic leaders or modern celebrities/musicians, Westerns, comic books, fantasy, horror or science fiction. For more information visit: <http://dcbookstoprisoners.org/>

A note from Stephen--an inmate in Pampa, TX:

*The books you have sent to so many prisoners have changed countless lives and helped them to escape the world of prison. Additionally, many books have become educational and I have personally seen many prisoners become interested in what they have read and often ask questions concerning the topic. In a way, this restores my faith in humanity, forgiveness and compassion.*

***The next meeting of the PW Coordinating Team  
will be Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, after worship.***

## **WARNER PEOPLE**

### **In Memoriam, Paul Perkins**

Paul was a long-time member and a dear soul with a great sense of humor, strong faith and a warm heart. He enjoyed participating in various groups such as the Men's Breakfast (or the Breakfast

Club) and was a great volunteer for the work of the church and for Mid-County United Ministries (M.U.M.), and the clients who went there. He will be greatly missed. He was pre-deceased by his wife Shirley, and they are now reunited. A service for Paul will be at Warner on Saturday, December 1 at noon.

We previously included a note of **Betty Sickinger's** passing, and there will be a service for her on Saturday, December 22 at 3 p.m.

### **New Member: Teresa Modica**

On November 27, Teresa Modica was welcomed as a member of Warner. Teresa has a New York accent, but she has lived in this area since 2000. She has been attending Warner for several years, and recently married Robert Vieira, also a Warner member. Teresa lives in an apartment complex intended for people with disabilities; with her walker she enjoys accompanying Robert on daily walks through the corridors of the complex. She volunteers in the dining room, setting up for the meals. She also enjoys getting together with people, either going out or playing games such as cards or Monopoly.

### **December Birthdays**

- 12/1 Scott Bunn
- 12/3 Ty Bragg, Mark Eakin, Tim Geiger, Ginger Kleinguenther, Rev. Todd Sutton
- 12/4 Mary Barber
- 12/10 Sungho Paik
- 12/11 Varsha Datta, Ted Human
- 12/14 Mary (Landfair) Witham, Simona Letizia
- 12/17 Cara Eakin Burgess
- 12/18 Andrei Pinkus
- 12/19 Sheri Daugherty
- 12/20 Brad Hill
- 12/21 Leigh Cook
- 12/22 Laura Kline
- 12/25 Tim Cook, Vol Moody



12/27 Bill Landfair  
12/28 Eric Adams, Nathan Bresee, Mary Cameron  
12/29 Donald Stalker  
12/30 Loyce Bowen, Susan Middleswarth  
12/31 Sean Brosnan, Calvin McGlade

**WARNER WELCOMING STATEMENT**

All people are of sacred worth and God loves everyone without exception. We welcome all people into our worship, fellowship, membership, and leadership. Believers, seekers, and doubters are all welcome at Warner. We are an affirming and supportive spiritual community that celebrates God's infinite love, wisdom, and grace through worship, music, education, mission, and fellowship. Though we are all unique, we are united in loving and praising God and in loving each other. We are committed to communing together in such a way that we give witness to Christ's sacrificial life, redeeming death, and glorious resurrection. Loved and accepted by God, our congregation offers love and acceptance to all.

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