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THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIPING TOGETHER

IN JANUARY

Sunday, January 4

Communion

Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:10-18

“Grace Upon Grace”

Sunday, January 11

Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

“Torn Apart”

Sunday, January 18

1 Samuel 3:1-11; John 1:43-51

“Where Are You From?”

Sunday, January 25

Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:14-20

“What’s the Attraction?”

(Worship followed by soup luncheon and Annual Meeting of Congregation—see page 4 Deacons article)

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

1 New Year’s Day

4 Congregational Meeting

5 Commissions

12 Stephen Ministry

13 Joy Circle

14 Breakfast Club

17 Potluck Group

18 Two Cents-a-Meal

19 Session

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Office and LCYC closed

20 Newsletter Deadline

25 Soup Luncheon and Congregational
Annual Report Meeting

26 Deacons Meeting

28 Breakfast Club

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Warner Session has called a meeting of the congregation for **Sunday, January 4, following worship, to act on its recommendation that Warner sell the one small lot on Prospect Street that is farthest away from Connecticut Avenue.** The potential buyer is a developer which would build a single family dwelling on the property. The offer is for \$405,000. This amount would enable the church to significantly pay down our construction loan so that we could potentially pay off our mortgage by the end of 2015 if everyone who has made pledges for the final year of the capital campaign is able to meet their pledged giving. The remaining lot-and-a-half at Prospect Street would still be used by the church for overflow parking. A full presentation about the potential buyer’s offer will be made at the congregational meeting. It is hoped that all who are able to come will plan to attend.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Warner Members and Friends,

In November and December each year, the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line is activated for people to get the information they need for a turkey emergency during preparation for a holiday meal. They typically receive over 100,000 calls during November and December. Here's one account shared by one of the Talk-line nutritionists: "The turkey had been in the freezer for 23 years, and the caller wanted to know if it was still safe to eat. After telling her that if the freezer had been kept below freezing and had not defrosted, it would be safe to eat, but that the quality would not be good, and I suggested that she not eat it. Her reply was, 'That's what I thought. We'll give it to the church.'"

As we have made it through turkey season and into a new year, I'm so thankful there aren't those kinds of turkey attitudes here at Warner. With the challenges we face at this time, we can't have people simply offering old leftovers of time and resources. We celebrate that our construction project has been finished, but we look forward to the "prospect" of the sale of the single lot on Prospect Street, plus we need the dedicated giving of all who made capital campaign pledges to complete them during 2015 in order to pay off our loan. With the in-floor heating system covering a significant part of the ground floor no longer functional after 60 years, we're installing a new system for that section of the building, thankful for bequests which enable us to cover the cost of over \$20,000.

We do not yet have the number of ruling elders and deacons we need for all the duties to be covered. We hope to be able to elect additional officers at our congregational meeting at the end of January. And we need to redouble our efforts to reach out to those who might join us in growing in and serving the Lord in this place. I'm confident that we won't be using just the leftovers of our energy and resources to meet these challenges. As good as the workers are on the turkey talk-line, we have Someone better to talk to about the challenges we face.

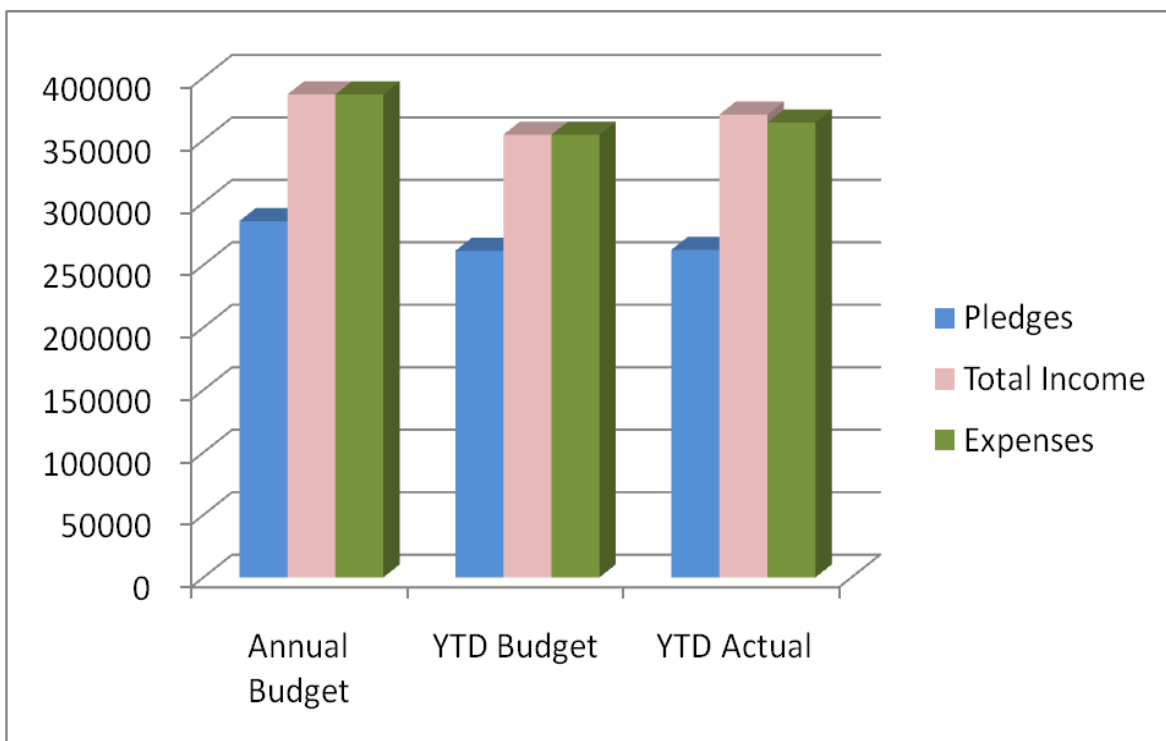
With prayers and anticipation about what the Lord will do in the coming year,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

WMPC FINANCES YEAR-TODATE NOVEMBER 30, 2014

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Pledges	\$285,230	\$261,461	\$262,246	\$785
Total Income	\$386,555	\$354,342	\$370,501	\$16,159
Expenses	\$386,555	\$354,342	\$364,000	\$9,658
Net Income (Loss)	0	0	\$6501	



PER CAPITA ANNOUNCEMENT

In each box of pledge envelopes, you will find a special envelope for the annual “Per Capita” contribution. For 2015, the amount of per capita is \$37. Every church in National Capital Presbytery is required to submit its per capita apportionment for each member early in the calendar year; this supports our denomination’s regional and national ministries. All individual contributions help Warner Memorial church by reducing the amount that otherwise must come out of our annual budget. **Thank you!**

OFFERING ENVELOPES, NEW NUMBERS, PREPARING STATEMENTS

If you did not receive a box of offering envelopes, but would like to have one, please contact Sharon Allen or JoEllen LaPrade to have a new number assigned to you, or to find out if there is already one ready for you to pick up. We have a few weekly and monthly envelope boxes left that we would be happy to give to you. Many of you received a new envelope number for 2015. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, and you are not sure what your new numbers is, please write down only your name on the pew envelope you are using.

We have heard from a few folks about errors on their third-quarter giving statements. Please do compare your records with your statement and let us know if there are mistakes, so that we may fix them for your records, and for ours. We will send out Year-end statements this month. - Sharon Allen

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

COME TO OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

The Environmental Stewardship Team will meet in the Trinity Room on **Sunday, Feb. 1 after worship.** All are welcome to help plan how our congregation can live out its commitment as an Earth Care Congregation. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! Contact June Eakin for more information.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

COME TO OUR MEETINGS AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS

The Worship and Music Commission is looking at the Sunday Worship Offertory to see if we can find ways to make this an opportunity for each of us to regularly rededicate ourselves to God in addition to offering our monetary gifts. We will keep you posted as we progress in this study. We welcome your thoughts on this subject. We also welcome you to join our Commission. **We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm and occasionally on Sunday after church.** We can provide rides for those who do not like to drive at night.

--Kay Gorman

BOARD OF DEACONS

HOLIDAY BASKETS

As in years past, at the December meeting, the deacons, along with help from James Kinder and Scott Bunn, assembled holiday baskets for our homebound members. These baskets were filled with fruit, candies, tea, and hot chocolate mix. New this year, were little teddy bears which were ordered by Jan Moody. Thanks go to the CE Commission for helping fund the bears. Thanks to the efforts of Sue Burns and the Presbyterian Women, attached to the baskets were tins of homemade cookies!!! These baskets of holiday goodies, along with poinsettias that graced the sanctuary through the Christmas Eve services, were then delivered to those Warnerites who were in need of a bit of cheer!

RAINBOW PLACE IN FEBRUARY

In February, the deacons will once again coordinate Warner's effort in serving and preparing Saturday dinners at Rainbow Place shelter. Rainbow Place is a women's shelter



located at Rockville Presbyterian Church, where Warner has been assisting for over 20 years. **Sign-up charts, to either**

prepare a dish or serve, will be available later this month. If you missed out helping back in November, consider doing so in February--You will be glad you did!

SOUP LUNCHEON AND CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

The deacons will be hosting the Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 25 after the 11 am service. Do plan on staying to savor some delicious homemade soups. *A suggested donation of \$6.00 will be collected to help defray our costs and to help us to continue to assist food programs in the area.* Afterwards, the church's Annual Report will be discussed. Stay tuned to Sunday bulletins for further details.

THANKS TO OUT-GOING DEACONS, WELCOME IN-COMING DEACONS

The board would like to thank out-going deacons Jennie Cardin and Ghislaine Mogo for their service. We will be welcoming new deacons, Tiff Carroll and Nancy Lawrence Hill, at our meeting this month. This year the Board of Deacons is short 5 people...if you or someone you know would like to serve as a deacon, please contact the Nominating Committee or a current deacon.

The Board of Deacons extends to you and yours blessings for the new year!

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2014 THANK OFFERING

Thanks to everyone's contributions throughout the month of November, Warner collected \$560 for this year's Thank Offering. The nationwide goal for the 2014 Thank Offering is \$900,000. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.



HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR--THANKS

Continuing in the theme of giving thanks, a big shout-out is due to all who helped with the planning and set-up of the Holiday Gift Fair held November 23 during the Harvest Brunch. Thanks, as well, to all who made purchases - the Social Hall was like a bustling market square that day. PW offered Thai Crafts and will be sending over \$700 to Reverend Sirarat for her orphanage. We sold almost \$500 in Holiday CDs and proceeds from the sales will benefit both Living Waters for the World and PW. Equal Exchange items continue to be popular, with chocolate and coffee sales totaling just over \$400, Warner PW uses these proceeds to support local mission. A report from JVI was not available in time to include in this article.



PW CHRISTMAS GATHERING

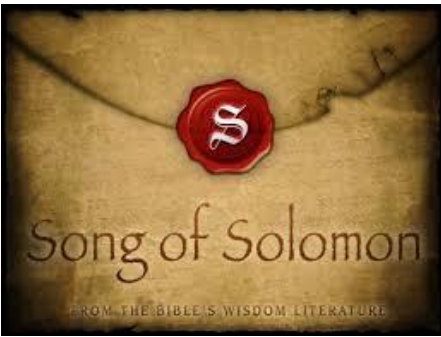


We are happy to report that a jolly time was had by all at Lisa Smeallie's home the night of our PW Christmas party, December 11. Thanks to Lisa for hosting and providing a delicious Peppermint Egg Nog Punch that was a great hit, as was the carol sing-along led by Nancy Lawrence Hill – this was our second carol sing, so I guess it is officially a PW tradition. Of course, we also found time to consume a

respectable amount of delicious cookies and treats – Yum!



JOY CIRCLE LEADERSHIP CHANGE



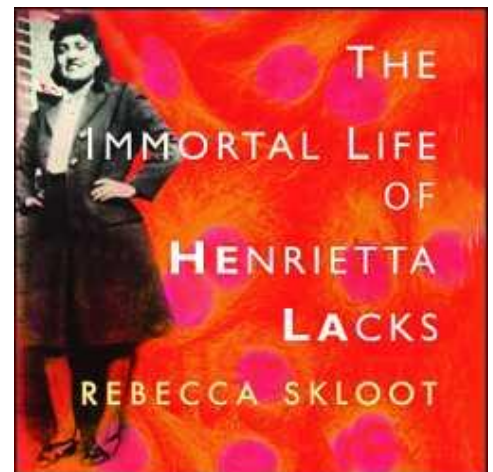
After several years of co-leading PW's Joy Circle that meets the evening of the second Tuesday of each month, Lisa Smeallie and Sue Burns are pleased to turn over the reins to June Eakin, who will be leading the Bible Study starting in January. We look forward to June's leadership in this role. As announced in last month's Memo article, we will be continuing with our video series, "Uppity Women of the Bible" and will begin the New Year with the Song of Solomon. Our January meeting will be on **Tuesday, the 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the church library.** Please plan to join us and remember, there is no lesson work to complete beforehand, just show up ready to learn!!

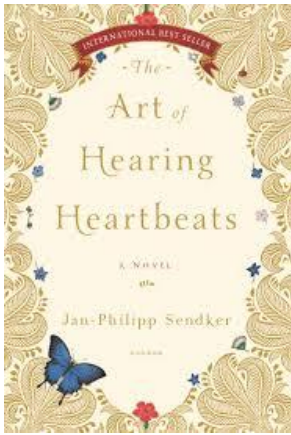
PW COORDINATING TEAM MEETS SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

What better way to start the New Year than attending a PW Coordinating Team meeting. We will welcome JoEllen LaPrade in her new position as Treasurer and want to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Lawrence Hill for her stellar work in keeping the books for these past years. We will miss her but are so happy to have JoEllen join this team. We will be planning late winter and spring activities, so please come and join in the fun as we map out the year ahead.

WARNER BOOK GROUP PLANS SELECTIONS

Lisa Smeallie continues to plan and organize our PW Book Group. I believe all agree that we have all benefited from her efforts and she has done an outstanding job. The book selections this year, which are culled from suggestions made by various Warner Women, have been very popular, varied, and thought-provoking. Our January book is "*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. **We will meet Tuesday, January 27 at 7:30PM in the church library.**





For those who have time and inclination to read ahead, the next selection, for our meeting on **February 20**, is **"The Art of Hearing Heartbeats"** by **Jan-Philipp Sendker**. This debut novel, originally published in 2002 as *Das Herzenhören* in Jan-Philipp Sendker's native Germany, went on to become a national bestseller. Sendker tells the story of an incorruptible love, forged by two kindred spirits, set against the rustic yet lushly exotic backdrop of Southeast Asia.

Before we know it, we will embark on the task of making 2015 book selection. Please share your suggestions with Lisa. It is great to have a large selection from which to choose!

AT-HOME PROJECTS

Selina Taylor led the charge for many years in various handcraft projects completed by Warner Women and there remain two small projects to be finished: sewing shirts into gowns for hospitals overseas, and completing small knitted/crocheted blankets for children in local hospitals/shelters. The pieces are ready and instructions are provided. Please contact June Eakin if you are willing to give a few hours toward completing these projects left over from the Adult Center program.



CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

Just a reminder that 2015 is the year for the **PW Churchwide Gathering**, which is held **once every three years**. It is an opportunity for Presbyterian women from across the country (and around the world!) to gather for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal. Participants will enjoy workshops, tours, forums, and plenary sessions with inspiring speakers and worship. PW's triennial Business Meeting also takes place during the Gathering, where budget, leadership and programmatic emphases will be decided.

In 2015, the Gathering will be held June 18–21 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Themed "One Body, One Spirit," the 2015 Gathering will be an opportunity for worship and community, education and fun—all exploring 1 Corinthians 12:12–27. June Eakin is planning to attend, please contact her for more information.

COMMUNITY

“TWO CENTS-A-MEAL” CONTINUES TO ASSIST HUNGRY PEOPLE

On December 21, the “2 Cents” collection was \$245. This is a blessing to many hungry neighbors near and far away. Our discretionary 40% went to Mid-county United Ministries (M.U.M.) for November and December. The collection is always on the third Sunday of the month; our next offering will be on January 18. Please prepare to participate; we give thanks to all for your ongoing support of “Two Cents-a-Meal.”

--Ann Rakow

ANGEL TREE COLLECTION HELPS KEEP NEIGHBORS WARM

During December, 45 new hats were donated and delivered to the interfaith Clothing Center. These new caps and hats were our response to Warner’s Angel Tree, which was in the social hall. Thank you to all who made this 2014-2015 winter a little warmer for needy neighbors.

--Jan Moody

PC (USA) CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING BENEFITS RETIRED CHURCH WORKERS AND PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS—COLLEGES

During December, Warner Memorial members and friends contributed \$1,464 to the annual Christmas Joy Offering of our denomination. Your donations will go, as always, to assist retired Presbyterian clergy and mission workers and their spouses—in addition to providing help for staff and students at Presbyterian-related colleges and secondary schools in the U.S. On behalf of these beneficiaries, thanks to all of you who gave to this annual collection.

Every day of the week, you can help feed the low-income adults and children in our community! Please remember to bring cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the Mid-county United Ministries (M.U.M.) pantry. Together, we can continue to fill the big wooden “For I was hungry...” barrel in the Warner narthex every week. The local need is great, especially in mid-winter. Thank you!

WARNER PEOPLE

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brigid Gillette, Holly Trout
- 3 Babs Sausser, Kate Zimmerman, Ana Pinkus
- 5 John Locher, Andy Och
- 6 John Morris
- 7 Robert Lynch, Douglas Victory, Clementine Trott
- 9 Janet Tennent
- 10 Ben Cope
- 14 Richard Kuzmyak
- 15 Kathy Stell
- 17 Nancy Lawrence Hill
- 18 Sue Maddox
- 21 Max Carroll
- 22 Lillian Gardner
- 25 Virander Datta
- 26 Usha Soni, Kyle Smeallie
- 27 Jackson Trott
- 29 Norm Carlson
- 30 Donna McNeil
- 31 Hilary Bragg

NEW ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

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IN MEMORIAM—JOSEPH HESS

Former member Joe Hess passed away on November 16, 2014. In the early-to-mid 1990s, Joe served on the Warner Session. Please keep Joe's family in your prayers. (*Thanks to Bob and Ila Trautvetter for this information.*)

STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM OFFERS CONFIDENTIAL CARING



Our congregation is blessed to participate in the Stephen Ministry, a nationwide support program. This program provides concerned, confidential listening by trained caregivers. 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).

WARNER'S SEARCH IS ON FOR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The office Manager/Administrative Assistant is responsible for representing the ministry of the Congregation to all who contact the church and supports the Church staff and committees in their ministries. Time is spent predominantly in word processing, email and telephone communication. **Skills desired will include** familiarity with Windows 7, Microsoft Office, and software databases along with organizational ability and attention to detail. The Office Manager/Administrative Assistant is expected to maintain confidentiality and to interact with others with professionalism and compassion. **Examples of duties:** prepare worship bulletins; handle aml and telephone calls; prepare reports. This part-time position consists of 24 hours/week, four weekdays, from 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M., and offers a salary range of \$24,000-\$25,000. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to greencanoe3@gmail.com

If you know of an interested person, please contact the church office. Helpful information can be found in the narthex, and on the bulletin board outside the main office.

NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING EXERCISE CLASS— OFFERS JACKI SORENSEN'S DANCE AEROBICS

Come to Room 24 (top floor) on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., January 7-March 25 (Weather permitting), for aerobics with Sharon Allen! All are welcome! Your first day in class is free! There are choreographed routines to follow for safety, but each person will exercise at his or her own fitness level—I have been in classes with students ranging in age from teens through 90s, each working at his or her own pace. (Please do check with your doctor first if you have concerns.)

Thank you to those of you who have already asked questions and shared concerns about what kind of exercise program this is. We can all encourage one another over the course of the session. Please visit Jacki's website to find out more about this long-time, fun, safe, effective, successful program: <http://www.jackis.com/> and click on "Dance" to find out specifics about Dance Aerobics. If you are planning to participate—and particularly if you plan to do alternate routines such as chair exercises—please give me a call: 703-385-3958, or send me an e-mail: llorracs@hotmail.com.

--Sharon Allen



LCYC'S WINTERFEST—SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., the Learning Center for Young Children invites one and all to the annual Winterfest here at Warner Church. Events include crafts, music, games, and other activities for children, a bake sale and silent auction. Lunch will be available from Armand's Pizza.

–Karen Murphy

FEBRUARY MEMO DEADLINE

Please submit articles and notices for the February Warner MEMO by Tuesday, January 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. Thank you for your contributions!

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