

July-August 2015

THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIPING TOGETHER

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE IN JULY AND AUGUST

During July and August, those who would like to worship outdoors or earlier in the day can do so at the 8:30 worship service on Sunday mornings. The Warner service is held just south of the church in the pavilion behind Temple Emanuel, with their gracious permission. Communion is served at each of these services. When the weather does not allow this service to be held outside, it will be held in the Trinity Room, which is behind the Warner sanctuary. *The one Sunday during this two-month period on which there will be no early service will be August 16.* Of course, our regular 11:00 service will continue to be held each Sunday in the sanctuary.



Sunday, July 5

Communion
Ezekiel 2:1-5; Mark 6:1-13
“Traveling Light”

Sunday, July 12

Genesis 4:1-16; Genesis 37:1-8; 12-28
“Stories of Joseph: Jealousy”

Sunday, July 19

Philippians 4:8-14; Genesis 39:1-23
“Stories of Joseph: Things Gone Awry”

Sunday, July 26

Luke 12:22-31; Genesis 41:14-41
“Stories of Joseph: God’s Provision”

Sunday, August 2

Communion
Romans 8:31-39; Genesis 45:1-15
“Stories of Joseph: Restoration”

Sunday, August 9

Romans 8:28-30; Genesis 50:15-21
“Stories of Joseph: God’s Intentions”

Sunday, August 16

Jan Moody Preaching

Sunday, August 23

Joshua 24:14-18; Ephesians 6:10-20
“Under Armor”

Sunday, August 30

James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
“An Enemy Within”

Every day, you can help the Mid-County United Ministries food pantry in Wheaton. How? By bringing in cans and packages of non-perishable food for our barrel in the church narthex. Thank you for helping neighbors who are in need!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

How ironic! Dyllan Roof, the confessed murderer of nine African Americans who were at a Bible study at a Charleston church, said he wanted to start a race war. And yet his actions and the pictures of him surrounded by a Confederate battle flag have been the impetus needed to lead to a watershed moment undermining the political strength of that flag. The flag, which was used by the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War, has a complicated history. There are some well-meaning people who view that flag as emblematic of honor and service to the concept of state rights. But there are others who are not well-meaning at all who have used that symbol in intimidating ways to push for segregation and the ideas of white supremacy. It was during the push for desegregation in the 1950's and 60's that this battle flag was brought back out and incorporated in state flags throughout much of the South as a symbol against fair treatment of all people. Many of us who grew up in the South thought that symbol would never lose its power. But the ugliness associated with it has quite suddenly become difficult to defend.

That doesn't mean that our country has finished its work on issues related to race and violence – we are far from that goal. But symbols are important and I am thankful to have that Confederate flag relegated more to the past than as a part of the present. I certainly wish the church had a symbol that proclaims God's love for every human being, that decries the use of violence, that reminds us of the possibilities of redemptive change. Oh, I guess we do have such a symbol – it is called the cross. By our words and actions, those of us who seek to follow the One who died on that cross can also become symbols of what that cross can mean. We won't get the same amount of media coverage as one person who picks up a gun, but God can use all kinds of ways to bring about needed change, which gives us hope that God's goodness might be reflected even in us.

Thankful for the living symbols around here,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VBS 2015—A CELEBRATION OF CLEAN WATER AND THE SPIRIT

The theme of Vacation Bible School 2015 was ***Clean Water for All God's Children***. Children, aged three to ten years of age experienced faith in action through Bible study, worship, music, art and science. Throughout the week, we collected



money to support the work of Living Waters for the World, a project that seeks to support the building of operating systems that provide clean water and health education to communities around the world. The children collected \$160.00 for this program.

Vacation Bible School is a team effort and the program was staffed by an extraordinary group of youth and adults. The staff included: Kirby Lawrence Hill, Jan Moody, Peter Smeallie, Janet Tennent, Hannah Cope, Simon Winter, Calvin McGlade, Carol Andresen, Helen Hancock, Ben Cope, Cam Pinkus, Eamon Upton, Peter Smeallie, Andrei Pinkus, Julia Cope, June Eakin, Donna McNeil, Nancy Lawrence Hill, Susan and Laura Kline, Sophie DeJesus, Anne-Fleur Winter, Charlotte Cook, Kyle Smeallie, Mary Lou Armstrong, Louise Koch, Alan and Diane Schroeder, Tiff Carroll.

Thank you to all who contributed to a fun, spirit filled week.



--Jan Moody

WARNER'S ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Thirty-five Warnerites, gathered at the YMCA Camp Letts in early June for a wonderful intergenerational retreat that was filled with lots of time for play and the renewing of spirits. It was a great way to welcome summer! --Jan Moody

WORSHIP & MUSIC

FLOWER DEDICATION SIGN-UP

Opportunities to donate and dedicate flowers this summer are available in July and August. Please check the flower calendar and sign up to add to the beauty of our Sunday services. And remember that the flowers go further by being delivered to folks who are not able to join us on Sundays. Thank you.

--Kay Gorman



USHERING

Please sign up to be an usher this summer. The sign-up sheet may be found outside the church office.

SUMMER SINGERS

Everyone is invited to join in the Summer Singers! We will sing at the 11 a.m. worship service on **July 12, August 2 and August 9**. We will sing easy anthems that can be rehearsed at the 10:30 a.m. warm-up time each week. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

“ANSWERING GOD’S CALL”

That was the title of the sermon for the last Sunday in June. We are all called to answer God’s call in one way or another, perhaps in several ways. At Warner, we have many opportunities to answer that call and each of us searches our time and skills inventory to find ways to answer that call.

Each year the Nominating Committee searches for candidates to serve on the Session, the Board of Deacons, and the next Nominating Committee. This year we are asking each of you to pray for guidance in how you might answer the call to serve in these ways. As you pray, please consider some of the phrases from the hymns we sang in church the last Sunday in June.

“Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me.”

“Take my life... take my moments and my days; ... take my hands... take my feet... take my voice...” “Take my will, and make it Thine;... take my heart, it is thine own...”

Please pray with us as we pray for each of you. --The 2015 Nominating Committee

COMMUNITY

PREPARING FOR WARNER’S ANNUAL MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER

Again this year, our Commission to the Community is planning a Mission Trip. We are gathering a group to drive to western Pennsylvania, leaving on **Sunday, August 9 and returning on Saturday, August 15**. The work we plan to do will be making existing homes more “user friendly” for disabled people in Johnstown, which is in the greater Pittsburgh area. **If you would like to participate in this mission – for the week or a portion of it – please contact Ty Bragg soon (301-585-1754).**

“TWO CENTS-A-MEAL”—COINS, CURRENCY, CHECKS IN ACTION!



On Sunday, June 21, we collected and counted \$223. Our discretionary 40% from June and July will support the **Kids Café program of the Capital Area Food Bank**. (Click on this link to learn more about the program: <http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/programs/kids/kids-cafe/> Collected on the third Sunday of each month, Warner’s 2 Cents-a-Meal project contributes to hunger relief nearby and, through Presbyterian programs, the larger world community as well. Thanks to all who donate!

– Cory Atwood and Ann Rakow

DEACONS

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

As we mentioned in the June MEMO, the Board of Deacons is looking for any Warnerites who would be willing to assist in providing transportation on an occasional basis for those homebound folks who are in need of rides to Sunday services. If you are interested, please contact any deacon.

While things slow down during the summer, the deacons will still be delivering flowers, making visits and taking communion to our homebound members. We are also making preliminary plans for upcoming September activities:

- On **Labor Day**, we will be assisting Mid-county United Ministries (MUM) with their booth at the Kensington Labor Day parade. Nonperishable groceries will be collected for MUM's Joseph Mattingly food pantry. Mark your calendars now!
- On **Rally Day**, the deacons will be hosting the Church picnic. This is a great intergenerational event that, for years, has been enjoyed by many. As you may know, the deacons provide hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, beverages, etc. The side dishes are potluck, provided by the congregation. Stay tuned to the September MEMO, and to Sunday bulletins, for further details as the time draws closer!

NEWS FLASH.... THIS JUST IN.... We collected approximately 364 POUNDS of donated nonperishable groceries last month at the Kensington Safeway for MANNA's Smart Sacks program ! The groceries go to hungry school children of Montgomery County. THANK YOU SAFEWAY SHOPPERS !

THE BOARD WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY BUT SAFE SUMMER!
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER !

--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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM



POPE SPEAKS OUT ON CARING FOR GOD’S CREATION

From Rebecca Barnes, Associate for Environmental Ministries (PCUSA)

Pope Francis released his papal encyclical on the environment. It includes messages consistent with the moral mandate to care for God's creation and the understanding that poverty, hunger and environmental degradation are interlocking issues that invoke our faithful action. He speaks clearly on the ethical responsibility to act in the face of climate change. Read the [summary](#) or [full text](#).

Presbyterians General Assemblies have passed many environmental resolutions and statements on caring for God's creation, acting on everything from water and land use to energy and climate change. Congregations, church institutions, and individual Presbyterians are committed to earth care as part of daily discipleship and embrace any opportunity to learn and to grow in faith.

We are grateful for Pope Francis' leadership and wisdom and the encyclical, knowing it is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the faith community to speak pastorally, and prophetically, on the moral basis for environmental and climate justice. [Click here to explore ways you can learn, act, and connect on climate justice.](#)

Meanwhile, be prepared to start seeing Twitter, Facebook, and all kinds of media outlets talking about faith and the environment, and join the conversation!

Other organizations to watch for helpful resources around the papal encyclical are [National Religious Partnership for the Environment](#), [Creation Justice Ministries](#) (formerly the National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Program), [GreenFaith](#) and [Interfaith Power and Light](#). --June Eakin

GARDENING TO “MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Doug Tallamy, in his book *Bringing Nature Home*, wrote:

“Now, for the first time in its history, gardening has taken on a role that transcends the needs of the gardener. Like it or not, gardeners have become important players in the management of our nation’s wildlife. It is now within the power of individual gardeners to do something that we all dream of doing: to ‘make a difference.’ In this case, the ‘difference’ will be to the future of biodiversity, to the native plants and animals of North America and the ecosystems that sustain them.”

Here, to help you select native plants to include in your garden, is a list of things to plant and things not to plant (extracted from “Welcoming Wildlife,” *allanimals*, May/June 2015):

1. Trees

Plant this: Native trees such as red maples, sugar maples, oaks and serviceberries (*Amelanchier*)

Don't plant this: Bradford pears, which are not only short-lived trees with weak wood, but also have escaped into the wild landscape where they are out of control.

2. Shrubs

Plant this: Fruiting natives such as blueberries, viburnums, dogwoods, beautyberries (*Callicarpa*), Spice bush (*Lindera benzoin*) and hollies

Don't plant this: Japanese barberry, nandina, pyracantha, burning bush and autumn olive, all of which are invasive and do not have nutritional value for wildlife. Japanese barberry is of particular concern because it provides habitat for deer tick populations, which are found in large numbers where barberry has escaped into the wild.

3. Grasses

Plant this: Native grasses such as Little Bluestem and Pink muhlygrass

Don't plant this: Ornamental, exotic grasses such as Chinese silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*) and fountain grass. These exotic grasses have escaped from cultivation and are displacing native grasses in the landscape.

4. Perennials

Plant this: Native plants such as milkweed (*Asclepias*), Joe-Pye weed, asters, *Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed susans and Purple coneflower), goldenrod; and ferns such as Christmas fern (which is evergreen) and Male fern.

Don't plant this: Choose the native species rather than named cultivars, which may have lost the traits that make them valuable for native wildlife.

Johnson's in Kensington has a section devoted to native plants, which I toured today and spotted Spice bush, Red-twig dogwood, Little Bluestem, and Purple coneflower, among others. Other area nurseries, such as Stadler's, Behnke's, and American Plant also sell native plants. You can make a difference by purchasing these plants and supporting their decision to stock natives.

--Barbara Shaw

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



What is the purpose of the Presbyterian Women? PW at Warner begin meetings

and Bible Study with the words below, to remind us of the promise PW across the nation have made.

“Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- *to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study*
- *to support the mission of the church worldwide*
- *to work for justice and peace*
- *and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.”*

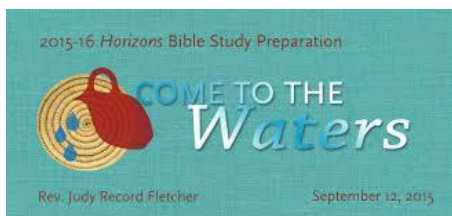
We welcome you to attend our PW Coordinating Team meetings (which are held about every two months), and encourage all to take part in annual activities, as well as Joy Circle and book group. Please join us! The more the merrier...

LOCAL PW MISSION SUPPORT NEEDED!

Can you help Warner PW fulfill their purpose? Please consider supporting PW with your monetary donations so we can sustain and grow our local mission projects such as providing hygiene items to the women at Rainbow Place, or donations to MUM or Courtney’s House.



COMING UP IN THE FALL 2015...



JOY CIRCLE: The group will begin a new *Horizons* Bible Study in September and has selected the 2015-2016 *Horizons* Bible Study, **“Come to the Waters”**, by Judy Record Fletcher. In this study, we will consider the waters of chaos in Genesis, and the River of Life in the last chapter of Revelation, where chaos is no more. Water plays a central role in the stories of creation, the delivery of God’s people (through the parting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan River), judgment of a people weak in faith, and the adoption of the people of God through baptism. Sometimes there is too much water (think Noah), and sometimes there is too little water (think drought in the desert).

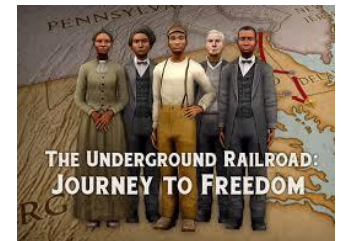
Together, we will explore some of the Bible's 800 references to water. Study books are \$8 each. Please contact June Eakin, if you plan to buy a study book.

BOOK GROUP: The book group had another great year and closed it out in late June as we met on a dark and stormy night to discuss selections for next year. Though it was by no means intentional, we've discovered recurring themes in the books we've read this year... injustice, duty, rebellion and the psychological effects of being powerless. Possible selections for the coming season include, "The Boys in the Boat", "Same Kind of Different As Me", "Someone", "Purple Hibiscus", "Caleb's Crossing", and "The Shack". We are all anxiously awaiting the voting tally and final list. Our monthly discussions start in September. Lisa Smeallie spearheads this activity and we hope all women of Warner will join us. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa.



EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIR TRADE COFFEE: Let's try a new approach... JoEllen LaPrade and Sue Burns will be soliciting coffee orders *via email* in late June and early July from those who have placed orders this year. In addition we will have information in the Warner Weekly and the Sunday bulletin on how to place coffee orders. The coffee is delicious and it is great to have a well-stocked pantry.

FALL PW ACTIVITIES: The PW Coordinating Team is seeking ideas for a group activity in October, such as a yoga workshop, a service project, visiting the Sandy Spring Underground Railroad trail/museum. What's your idea? Contact Sue Burns or any member of the CT with suggestions.



COMING SOON!

PW COMING TO FACEBOOK: Warner Women continue to find new and improved ways to get and stay connected. Lisa Smeallie has offered to create a PW Facebook page in the near future. Stay tuned...

Get connected to other Presbyterian Women in our area on the webpage www.presbyterianwomenncp.org.

REFLECTIONS CIRCLE BEING REVIVED: Lora McGlade is planning to revitalize the Sunday Morning PW Bible Study. The first meeting will be held Sunday, October 11th at 9:30 a.m. (location at Warner to be announced). The group will be following the 2015-2016 Horizons Bible Study, "Come to the Waters". We are very excited to be able to provide this option once again, especially since both Circles will be using the same materials. We will provide more information in the September MEMO.

WARNER PEOPLE

IN MEMORIAM, TOM LOHM

Judge Thomas Lohm, a member of Warner Memorial Church, died on June 24. Tom and his wife, Glee, moved to Lutherville, Maryland, a few years ago. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, June 30, at the Mercy Ridge Retirement Community in Lutherville. Please keep Glee and her daughter and son-in-law in your prayers.

Tom attended Warner through Junior High School, and, as a youth, Tom received his Eagle Scout training here at Warner. Later, he served as a U.S. Navy officer in the Pacific during World War II. Then he had a distinguished career in law, including serving as Chief Administrative Judge for Montgomery County from 1983 to 1992.

We shall remember his graciousness and sense of humor.

A WORD OF THANKS

I would like to express a heartfelt thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers, and support sent to me and my family following the recent death of my sister. In the midst of my sadness, the love of my church family has been a tremendous comfort.

With gratitude

Jan Moody

STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM OFFERS SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS

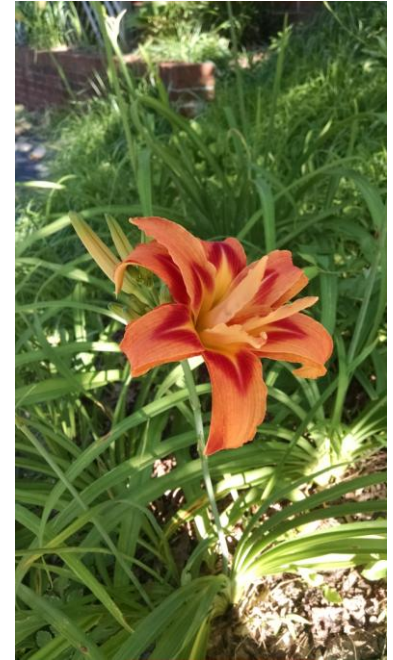


Are you, or someone you know and love, experiencing a burdensome or distressing condition? Our Stephen Ministers can help. For more information about the blessings of this confidential, Christian care program, please contact Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or Rev. Hill at the church office (301-949-2900).

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 programs, which include grocery certificates for hungry folks in our county and support of the Stephen Ministry program.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ginny Atwood
- 3 Susan Fulton
- 4 Mildred West, Doris Williams,
Edna Wright
- 6 Shelley Swendiman
- 8 Jim Gorman, Rajesh Puri
- 9 Chris Bragg, Larry Merl
- 11 Isabelle Koff
- 12 Helen Hancock, Susan Luff
- 16 Beverly Sceery
- 17 Doug Adams, Mary Butts,
Lea Gallagher
- 20 Logan Smeallie
- 21 James Hancock, John Horman,
Remy Winter
- 25 Betty Ford, Alton Harvey
- 28 Chris Robins, Betty Sickinger
- 29 Christopher Burns
- 31 Nicholas Kuzmyak



SPECIAL NOTES:

- **Susan Kline has a new e-mail address:** susankline17@gmail.com. The old address is no longer effective.
- **Repair work** will continue through July. The church's main office is scheduled to reopen **on Tuesday, July 7**. Please be aware the schedule may shift as we move forward. Thanks for your understanding.
- **LCYC will have two more camps** this summer: **July 20-24**, and **August 24-28**. Please contact Karen Murphy for registration information.

- **Sharon Allen's aerobics class** is taking a short break. On July 22, it will resume as a Wednesday EVENING class! If you are able to participate on **Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.**, or if you have any questions, please contact Sharon (301-213-4654; llorracs@hotmail.com) Thank you.
- **Please submit articles and notices for the September issue** of the Warner MEMO by **Thursday, August 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!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bob Koch, Ruth Ness
- 3 Marlene Montgomery
- 4 Susan Burns
- 7 Louise Koch
- 8 Carolyn Hollis, Irene Lee
- 10 Charity Singletary
- 11 Janice Landfair
- 14 Wilma Dunlap
- 16 JoEllen LaPrade
- 18 Marjorie Parce
- 19 Jan Moody, Bruce Parce,
Beth Whiteman
- 20 Robert Vieira
- 21 Walter Victory
- 23 Ann Kirchhoff, Danna Walker
- 24 William Trott
- 26 Robert Brewka
- 28 Pat Brosnan
- 31 Evelyn Adams

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