

July-August 2017

THE WARNER *MEMO*



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OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN JULY & AUGUST

Sunday, July 2

Psalm 100

Matthew 15:1-20

“Dirty Hands, Clean Hearts”

Guest preacher, Rev. Lucy Bowerman

Sunday, July 9

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Romans 7:15a-25

“If It’s Not One Thing, It’s Another!”

Sunday, July 16

Psalm 119:1-16

Matthew 13:1-9

“The Seed Parables, Part I: On What Ground Am I?”

Sunday, July 23

Genesis 28:10-20

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

“The Seed Parables, Part II: By Whom Am I Planted?”

Sunday, July 30

Proverbs 10:1-10

Matthew 13:31-32

“The Seed Parables, Part III: Into What Will I Grow?”

We welcome Rev. Lucy Scofield Bowerman to the pulpit on July 2. Lucy graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1995 and was ordained in 1996. Prior to seminary, she earned her Master’s degree in Counseling at Georgia State University and practiced psychotherapy. For the past twenty-two years she has been moving from place to place as a military spouse. At each duty station, she has been blessed with unique opportunities for ministry. Her husband, David, who serves as a Chaplain in the Army, will be retiring at the end of the year. David and Lucy have two grown children.

Sunday, August 6

Matthew 14:13-21

Genesis 32:22-31

“Wrestling with God”

Sunday, August 13

Psalms 105

Matthew 14:22-33

“The Power We Have”

Sunday, August 20

Matthew 15:10-20

Genesis 45:1-15

“Forgiving Our Brothers”

Sunday, August 27

Exodus 1:8-22

Matthew 16:13-20

“Giving Christ His Due”

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Loved Ones:

By the time you read this letter, two more of Warner’s 2017 Summer events will have occurred. For the last month, Warner members have collected, sorted, organized, moved, and today, priced a large quantity of goods, with the hope to sell most of them at Warner’s Rummage Sale tomorrow [I write this on Friday, June 23], to raise funds for the Cumberland Mission Trip—a trip in which a dozen or so Warnerites will help restore houses in an oppressed community.



Volunteers have also been meeting for weeks to plan our Vacation Bible School (VBS)—to be held June 26 – 30. I believe this will be Warner’s first VBS in over 20 years without a paid CE Director at the helm. Happily, so many folks stepped forward to lead and staff this event that, until recently, there were fewer children signed up to attend than there were volunteers ready to teach and inspire them (happily, the children now outnumber the volunteers, which is as it should be).

If success is measured by sales, and or participants, I’ll have to wait to know how things have gone. However, I’ve already seen what I know is a more important measure of success and I pronounce it “resounding!” Every weekday, every Sunday well into the afternoon, and on many a night, the halls of Warner are hopping with activity as members come together to serve this church and to serve the Lord God. Through these events, but also our music program, worship planning and follow-up, childcare, building and grounds-keeping, leadership, communications, administration, visits and/or physical assistance for Warner members who have need, prayer, and fellowship, the level of activity and the numbers of Warnerites who are serving the church in one or more of these ways is a joy to behold.

Make no mistake: Warner is a healthy church, with a bright future awaiting.

Keep on keeping on—and please remember to take time to smell the roses.

With love in Christ,
Your Pastor Laura

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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Just a reminder that Sunday services continue to start at 10:00 a.m. during July and August. We are delighted that almost everyone has been able to make the adjustment. And we hope everyone is feeling cooler during the services (and maybe enjoying longer time for summer afternoon activities).

–Kay Gorman



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

It's summertime--a great time to complete projects at church. Here are updates on projects, and volunteer opportunities:

Sanctuary doors: After a delay due to insufficient work completed by the manufacturer, Steve Dunn and carpenter Craig Houston plan to have the doors in place before the end of July.

New state requirements for our preschool have necessitated additions to our fire alarm system. Work is to be professionally completed in July.



➤ Outdoor railings and steps: Can you help with painting this summer? Contact Kenyon Kramer (railings) or Kay Gorman (steps).

➤ Trees: Can you trim the dead branches on the pine trees on the north side of our lot sometime soon? Contact June Eakin.

➤ Paint the ceiling at the LCYC entrance. Contact June Eakin or Susan Kline

--June Eakin

COMMUNITY – MISSION

2017 MISSION TRIP TO Cumberland, MD

Our mission trip to Cumberland, Maryland between July 23 and July 28 is right around the corner. All members who plan to

participate should call Ty Bragg (240-462-2825) to confirm the dates they will be attending and whether they will be working on the NAILS Program or with the community service projects in Cumberland. NAILS requires that the \$100-per-volunteer participation fee be received two weeks before our arrival and a precise volunteer count is necessary. Depending on the number of volunteers, some portion of this fee will be covered (or reimbursed) by Warner's Commission to the Community with funds collected at its recent Rummage Sale. A mandatory meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. in the Trinity Room to make final plans for transportation, lodging, tools, etc. If you cannot attend this meeting please call Ty Bragg as soon as possible so that the meeting can be rescheduled to include all participants.

For those who cannot participate in the mission trip this year but would like to help, please make a donation, or bake a batch of cookies for the Cumberland workers!

Blessings,

Ty Bragg, For the Commission to the Community

Warner's Successful Rummage Sale!

Because of the generosity of the Warner congregation and staff; LCYC's staff, parents, and grandparents; neighbors and friends who learned of our project and decided that they too would bring us a few or a lot of "gently used" items that they could part with - because of all those kind souls, a multitude of wonderful and amazing items poured in for us to offer for sale!

And, because of the considerable effort of many persons for many days before the event, lifting, loading, moving, sorting, pricing, and planning, there was, as promised, fun, food, and an opportunity provided to find bargains on Saturday, June 24th.



There are also those whose contribution may not be easily recognized. For instance, you might not know that St. Paul's

United Methodist Church graciously allowed us to borrow their clothing racks. And several friends of the Commission provided baked goods and cared for the needs of the workers and the shoppers: others publicized the event; and finally, many came to help us clean up, and put away everything at the end. Without a team of dependable, dedicated people, we simply couldn't have managed.

Our primary goal was to raise money to support the 2017 Mission Trip to Cumberland, MD. Happily, we took in \$1430.00 which will go a long way to support the Work Team that will represent Warner in Cumberland the last week in July, giving their God-given skills to serve Him by serving those in need. We feel very gratified.

Warner made new friends in our neighborhood. One woman put down her bags as she was leaving and gave a worker a hug and another turned back to say how beautifully everything was displayed and that she could see how much work had gone into planning this sale.

The Commission to the Community is grateful to every person who worked cheerfully, who shopped successfully, and that helped make the 2017 Rummage Sale well worth the effort! Thank YOU!

--Ina Rae Kramer

Ruth Brown's New Adventure

Ruth Brown, whom we have supported while she worked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has been reassigned to Zimbabwe, in the capital city of Harare. For comparison on the map, the black arrow points toward her new assignment, while her former assignment in the Congo was roughly under the top of that arrow. Her new assignment is farther from the equator, with a higher altitude.



In Zimbabwe, she will work primarily with the Harare Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), a synod begun in 1965 by migrant laborers from Malawi who had come to Zimbabwe

to seek work in agriculture and mining. Now, after over 50 years, the church is more representative of Zimbabwe nationals, with members living at middle to lower economic levels. The CCAP has requested technical assistance for their HIV/AIDS and Vulnerable Children Committee, as the committee works to promote health and prevent a broad spectrum of diseases throughout the communities, churches, and schools where it ministers. Ruth will assist the church in collaborating with existing community health programs to promote continuity of care.

Ruth will also work with CCAP leaders to explore and plan economic initiatives intended to reduce poverty (for example: community savings and loans programs, entrepreneurship training, egg hatcheries, community gardens, etc.).

Finally, Ruth will be available to support the ministries of Zimbabwe's other Presbyterian denomination, the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA) on similar topics, for up to 20% of her time.

Ruth felt that these jobs matched her training very well, constituting a "call". She asks for prayers to establish trust when she arrives, because she is the first missionary ever to work with the CCAP in Zimbabwe. Fortunately, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York has a well-established partnership with the CCAP, supporting cross-cultural exchanges. But there are no other long-term PC(USA) mission co-workers in Zimbabwe, and Ruth has not yet found any other American mission workers with Methodist or other churches in Harare ... though she's still looking.

Another concern is that there is currently no functioning banking system in Zimbabwe. There is no way to have a reliable bank account due to cash shortages. As Ruth prepares to leave here, she is starting to learn of ways that people use to get around this obstacle.

The church leaders speak English (unlike in the Congo, which exercised her French), but she intends to learn Chichewa, the language of the CCAP. This is another requested subject of prayer.

It is clear that she will have times of feeling isolated, so email correspondence will certainly be welcome. Her address is roots4health@gmail.com. She will be leaving for Zimbabwe as soon as she receives her visa, probably in mid-August. If you correspond with her, please avoid political topics — this is important.

Let us all keep Ruth in our prayers.

— Cory Atwood for the Commission to the Community

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



News items to note:

- ❖ In case you haven't heard, one of our members is featured in the 2017 documentary "Chasing Coral." The movie won many awards at film festivals this year, beginning with the Sundance Film Festival, when it was acquired by Netflix. You can now view the trailer and listen for the voice of Mark Eakin! There will be a public release at selected theaters and it will be available on Netflix after July 14. This important film tells the story of the thrilling ocean adventure to discover why reefs are disappearing. We plan to show this movie at Warner sometime, but if you can watch it now, please do!
www.chasingcoral.com trailer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6fHA9R2cKI>
- ❖ Thanks to all who are "flexing" with the earlier summer worship time, it's reducing our energy use while we enjoy a cooler sanctuary.
- ❖ Our investment in landscaping is paying off big. Many thanks to Barbara Shaw and others who cared for the young plants along Connecticut Ave so successfully that they are filled out in the first year! If you notice water standing in the stone waterways and trenches after a rainstorm, that's exactly what it's designed to do! This water no longer flows to the Potomac Watershed and is filtered on our land. Please also look for pollinators in the haven in front of the elevator tower.

- ❖ A second garden along Calvert Place, installed in memory of Tucker and Alana Schruben is providing a flower show all through the spring and summer. Take a stroll each week in this quiet corner to notice how the blossoms change over the summer!
- ❖ We're IN! The PCUSA has affirmed its commitment to Earth Care by pledging to support the UN Paris Accords on climate action, regardless of the actions of the federal government. Everyone can do something. If you need ideas, check out the Environmental Stewardship page of our website.
--June Eakin



Nancy Lawrence Hill and Jan Moody

While our heads may understand, I think the hearts of all Warner PW are grappling with the departure and pending departure, respectively, of Jan Moody and Nancy Lawrence Hill. Both of these wonderful women have given so much to Warner and have been an integral part of PW leadership and activities for many years.



Jan has been PW Moderator and Treasurer and contributed in various other ways over the years, whether preaching on Gifts of Women Sunday, leading worship at our PW retreats, or being part of our PW officer nominating committee. Nancy was our Treasurer, a member of the PW nominating committee, as well as the provider of musical interludes and accompaniment at our retreats over the years. We wish to extend a heartfelt, “Fare thee well” and “Thank You”, to both, and while we may not be seeing them in the sanctuary, offices, or halls of Warner for a while, we will see them in our hearts and treasure memories for years to come.



Write to Be

Hilary Bragg and her cohorts embarked on their third trip to Haiti in late May and thanks to



the support of many in the Metro DC area and beyond, including Warner PW and other members of Warner, it is evident that it was a resounding success. I have included posts and photos below from the Write To Be Facebook page, so you can get a better sense of the important and amazing work these young women are doing. Thanks for your continued support, please read on:



“A fun and busy day 2 of fi ki fò week! This morning, the American pen pals finished painting the insides of two domes in the girls' village. After school, everyone came together for creative dancing and discussion about healthy relationships and the differences between boys and girls in society. We ended the day with a water balloon fight! It was a wonderful day filled with learning and laughter.”

“Perhaps the best way to describe day 3 is with a quote from our dear friend, Love Jah, who's been helping us translate this week: "When I come here, I become everything!" Today we were dancers, scientists, and artists; we created new dances using 3 techniques, built the strongest bridges and tallest towers, and colored some cool new fi ki fò gear. We ended the day watching Spektak, a talent show, and were amazed by the fi



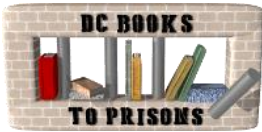
ki fò dance moves!”

Looking Ahead... Near and Far...

As planned, 12 women gathered last night, June 20th, at Mi La Cay and consumed delicious Vietnamese cuisine and enjoyed generous portions of fellowship as a wrap-up for the 2016-2017 Joy Circle. We will continue our study of “Who Is Jesus?” in the fall. You may recall that we extended this study to two years and will complete it in May or June of 2018. It was a fun “close-out” and we are looking forward to picking up with the Horizons, “Who Is Jesus?” study in the fall.



Books to Prisons- United Foundry Methodist Church DC

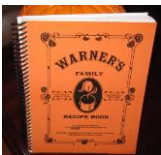


We are planning to volunteer at United Foundry Methodist Church for the Books to Prisons ministry on Saturday, July 22nd. When we made our initial visit in March, we landed there around 9:15 and left around noon, capping off the day with lunch at a nearby restaurant. We were able to carpool and locate on-street parking near the church. Please contact Lena Aspiras or Sue Burns If you are interested in joining us.



Stay Tuned for the 2017-2018 Season of PW Book Club

By the time this article goes to press, Lisa Smeallie may be tallying the votes of all the women who cast their ballots at the Book Preview event on June 30th. We will wait with bated breath until the final selections are announced... look for more detailed information in the September Memo regarding meeting dates and titles. Until then,” Happy Reading!”



Work on a New Warner Cookbook Continues

Work continues on gathering recipes for the next version of a Warner Cookbook. We would like all recipes submitted to be ones we have enjoyed at any of the various Warner social events, such as Potluck, Salt Shakers, Fellowship Hour, Lenten Suppers, etc. Please continue to submit your favorite recipes, via email or hard copy, to Lisa Smeallie. The “advance team”

includes Lisa Smeallie, Chelsea Cook, and Sue Burns, and will be seeking help with all aspects of this project as work proceeds.



We are always seeking fresh ideas for activities, projects, etc., that would interest two, three, or more Warner women. All it takes is an email or phone call to one other person to get the planning started... don't

be shy. Should you have suggestions for new endeavors, please contact any member of the PW Coordinating Team: Sue Burns, Lena Aspiras, Karen Cook, JoEllen LaPrade, Lisa Smeallie, Lora McGlade, June Eakin, Kay Gorman, or Charity Singletary.

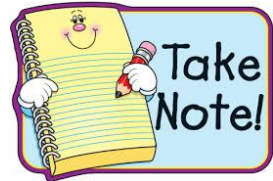
--Submitted by Sue Burns

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July Birthdays

- 1 Ginny Atwood
- 3 Susan Fulton
- 4 Doris Williams, Edna Wright
- 6 Sophie deJesus, Shelley Swendiman
- 8 James Gorman, Rajesh Puri
- 9 Chris Bragg
- 11 Isabelle Koff
- 12 Joel deJesus, Helen Hancock, Susan Luff
- 16 Beverly Sceery
- 17 Douglas Adams, Mary Butts
- 20 Logan Smeallie
- 21 James Hancock, John Horman, Remy Winter

- 25 Elizabeth Ford, Alton Harvey
- 28 Chris Robins, Betty Sickinger
- 29 Christopher Burns
- 29 Jennie Broadwell
- 31 Nicholas Kuzmyak

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
- 17 Ghislaine Mogo
- 18 Marjorie Parce
- 19 Jan Moody, Bruce Parce, Beth Whiteman
- 20 Robert Vieira
- 23 Anne Kirchhoff, Danna Walker
- 24 William Trott
- 26 Robert Brewka
- 28 Pat Brosnan
- 31 Evelyn Adams

September MEMO Issue

Please submit your completed articles to
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Thank you for your contributions!

Help wanted! If you are interested in working on the monthly
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