

June 2015

THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Vacation Bible School

June 22-26

9 a.m. to noon

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

www.warnermemorial.org

[Online Calendar](#)

WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN JUNE

Sunday, June 7

Communion

Genesis 3:8-13; Mark 3:20-35
“Insiders and Outsiders”

Sunday, June 14

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Mark 4:24-34
“Rejecting Cynicism”

Sunday, June 21

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
“The Other Side”

Sunday, June 28

Guest Minister: Rev. Deb McKinley

Psalm 130; Mark 5:21-43
“Reaching for Jesus”

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

“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 different one from another, 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, saving death, and glorious resurrection. Loved and accepted by God, our congregation offers love and acceptance to all.”

That is the welcoming statement that the Warner Session adopted at its last meeting. It will appear on our Warner website and on our Facebook page. As people wonder about who we are and whether they would be welcome here, the Session wanted it to be clear that we seek to be as welcoming as Christ was in his life and ministry. Once people show up, obviously our actions need to match the words found above.

We also need facilities that are attractive enough that they show we care about what goes on here. At the end of June and the first part of July, when the building is in least demand, we will be able to do the work that is needed because of the flooding that took place earlier this year. Old ceiling tiles and carpet will be stripped out. Where it is necessary, asbestos abatement will take place. We will put in a new ceiling in the hallway of the main floor and in the social hall. New carpet will be installed in the sanctuary and wood flooring will be placed in the chancel. There will also be new carpet in the main hallway and in the offices, as we do needed work while installers are on site. New flooring will be installed on the top floor. I am thankful for the insurance coverage that helps make this possible to hire professionals to do this work. But there has also been a lot of work done by Warner volunteers, for which I am also thankful.

There is much reason for gratitude unto God and for one another, which I hope gives us a heart that is ready to welcome the future God has for us, along with those who will help to form that future.

With joy,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY NEWS

National Capital Presbytery met May 26. Ruling elder June Eakin and Rev. Hill were commissioners to this meeting. The presbytery was informed about a denominational initiative called 1001 New Worshiping Communities. There are several initiatives in our own presbytery to start new worshiping communities in a variety of settings. There are several staff changes that have occurred in the presbytery office. NCP said goodbye to the Rev.

Kay Huggins, who has served as Interim Associate General Presbyter. Our new Director of Congregational Development and Mission will be the Rev. Karen Chamis. Todd McCreight has started as the presbytery's new Director of Business Affairs. We also heard from a pastor from Baltimore, James Parks, who shared with our presbytery what Baltimore Presbytery had been doing in response to the violence that had erupted there. We look forward to hearing more of that presbytery's plans going forward and exploring ways in which our presbytery or individual congregations can partner with them.



COMMUNITY

HELP FOR NEPAL FROM WARNER

In May, the Commission to the Community sent \$1,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the earthquake victims in Nepal. Because our budget did not have funds for this, we used money from the Centennial Fund. The Centennial Fund was established at the time of Warner's 100th anniversary to assist people in great need. We can be grateful to the far-sighted, generous people at Warner who started this fund. The earnings from what they began still provide help to many who need it.

Cory Atwood

WORSHIP & MUSIC

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Would you like to dedicate and donate a bouquet of flowers for our Sunday worship service? Our flower chart is filled through the month of June, but there are dates to be filled in the summer and fall. (Particularly, we need to have the summer months filled in.) Please consider which date you might want to sign up for, and stop by the bulletin board by the main office to fill in your name by one of our open dates.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES WRAP UP FOR THE SUMMER

March 2015 is the 50th anniversary of the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and August marks of the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. On **June 7 and June 12**, the Adult Sunday School class that meets in the Common Room at 9:30 will be viewing the documentary *Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot*. The video, a project of Teaching Tolerance, focuses on the role that educators and students played in helping to win voting rights. Discussion following the video will include exploring ways that the church is charged to serve as a catalyst for social justice in 2015. Sunday morning 9:30 classes for adults, youth, and children will resume in early September.

VBS UPDATE



There will be a meeting for Vacation Bible School Staff on June 7 at 12:30 in Common Room. We have an excellent staff of adults and teens. There are still spaces available for children, aged four to ten. **Spread the word to your friends and neighbors!** Registration forms and information are available on the Warner Church website and outside the C.E. Office.

KENSINGTON MUSIC MAKERS

The 5 week program, led by John Horman and Peter Smeallie provided affordable, quality music instruction to young children from our local community. The theme of learning global music from places north / east / west / south was implemented with activities that included singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments, including drums. In addition, the children learned about matching pitch, rhythm, following directions, echoing, and musical notation. It was a great success.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2015

Charlotte Cook, Shane Gillette, Isabelle Koff, Calvin McGlade, and Simon Winter will meet with Session to share their statements of faith on **June 7**, and will be welcomed as new members at the 11:00 service. Here is their group statement of what they believe:

*After acknowledging the limits of trying to put into words
what we believe to be true about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit,
based on where we are in our journeys of faith as of now,
we affirm the following:*

God is our leader who has laid the foundation for earth and all of creation.

God has given us the gift of freedom.

God is a teacher, a leader, who knows what is best for us.

Jesus provides us with a model, an example of how we should live our lives.

He is our path for salvation. He was sent into the world by God.

The Holy Spirit is eternal life. It is the driving force of God.

It guides us to see God in the world. It inspires us.

We believe that our community of faith is a place where,

though members may be diverse in viewpoints,

we work together for unity and harmony.

Our prayers for our church family are that we continue to welcome diversity,

and that we seek solutions to the challenges of the world,

especially hunger and homelessness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2015 GRADUATES!

We celebrate the high school graduates: Leigh Cook, Julia Cope, and Ben McGlade. We also celebrate college and graduate school graduates that include: Carl Adams, Mary Landfair, Emily Bragg, Katie Dunn, Lindsay Montgomery and Lena Aspiras.

BOARD OF DEACONS

NEWS from the BOARD of DEACONS

- On Saturday, the 16th of May, a number of the deacons collected food at the Kensington Safeway for the Smart Sacks program of MANNA. Many bags of kid-friendly snacks were donated by Safeway shoppers--Enough to fill the front of the Social Hall stage! Thanks go to deacons Mary Lou Armstrong, Nancy Lawrence Hill, John Morris, Diane and Alan Schroeder, Grace Sooklal and Tiff Carroll. A special SHOUT-OUT goes to Remi Winter and other young ones for helping Deacon Catharine Burke move the bags of donations from the edge of the stage to behind the curtain.



- During the hot summer months, many activities slow down; school ends, and folks go on vacation or take long weekends. But did you know that the work of the deacons still goes on? Flowers from the Sunday service are delivered, communion is taken to the homebound, and grocery cards--to give to those who come to Warner seeking assistance--are purchased with money from the Deacons Fund. Support from Warnerites, and from your donations to the fund, help us continue our ministry to the congregation and to the community all year long.
- At our June meeting, the deacons will be making preliminary plans for our September activities which include the church picnic, and assisting with Mid-County United Ministries booth at the Kensington Labor Day parade. Stay tuned to Sunday bulletins and upcoming MEMOs for more details as the time draws closer.



- Did you also know that funds for Warner's Stephen Ministry program are administered through the Deacons Fund? Contributions to the Stephen Ministry program help purchase the care brochures (found on the rack outside the CE office), pamphlets that Stephen Ministers send to Warnerites experiencing losses, and to pay for any guest speakers for the ministry's continuing

education. If you would like to make a contribution, checks may be made payable to Warner Church, but please specify on the memo line that it is for Stephen Ministry.

- The deacons are working on reactivating transportation coordination for those members who are unable to drive to Sunday service...particularly those Warnerites who live in Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg. If you think you might be able to provide transportation on an occasional basis, please contact a deacon.



Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

Please support the Warner Memorial **Deacons' Fund** by contributing on the first Sunday of each month. You may use the special envelopes in the pew racks. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

UPCOMING BUILDING REPAIRS

Repairs to the building will be made in late June and early July. Due to the need for asbestos abatement removal of the First Floor flooring and new carpet, the offices will be closed July 1-6. Our staff will be available remotely, and you should be able to contact them using our regular telephone and email. The Second Floor will be closed the following two weeks, July 6-17, as the floor tiles in the hallway and several rooms are replaced on our top level.

Volunteers may be needed to move furniture from the offices; please look in the bulletin and Warner Weekly for information about that.

As this work moves forward, please be in prayer for the workers and our volunteers. If you have questions about this project, please contact June Eakin or the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PW BUDGET

In reviewing our financials at the May Coordinating Team (CT) meeting, we found that offerings received are well below our anticipated receipts (\$314 receipts vs. \$1,345 annual budget). How does PW spend your contributions? Here are a few recent examples: honorarium for Rev. Dr. Rosetta Robinson (Gifts of Women), NIH Easter baskets, National Capital Presbytery PW, and PC (USA) Mission Support. To support the budget of Warner Presbyterian Women, simply designate your offering envelope “PW”!



PLEASE SUBMIT IDEAS FOR FALL ACTIVITY

The PW CT is seeking ideas for our **fall gathering activity in October**, such as: yoga workshop, a service project, or visit the Sandy Spring Underground Railroad trail/museum. What's your idea? Contact Sue Burns or any member of the CT (Sue, Karen Cook, JoEllen LaPrade, Lora McClade, Kay Gorman, June Eakin, Lisa Smeallie).

BIRTHDAY OFFERING



Thank you for your generosity on May 17 when we began collecting the Birthday Offering and hosted the Fellowship Hour. This offering, collected each year throughout May, celebrates the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian women and supports mission projects throughout the world. The special offerings we collect, like the Birthday Offering, go directly to that mission and are not a part of our discretionary budget.

READING DISCUSSIONS

Several WMPC-PW recently attended the book/author discussion of “The Warmth of Other Suns” at Fifth Street Presbyterian. The program included an excellent panel of reviewers, who also shared their families' own migration stories, plus interesting and insightful comments from the men and women attending!

BOOK CLUB

On **Tuesday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m.** we will have a round table discussion regarding which books we suggest and choose for the next season (Sept.-May 2016). This is also a good time to get recommendations for your own summer reading! We plan to meet at Lisa Smeallie's house.



(Pictured: reading and relaxing at the Spring Breakaway in April)

CIRCLE

Joy Circle- **Friday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. DINE OUT!** At our May meeting, we finished the video series *Uppity Women of the Bible* and decided that in June we will meet for dinner and decide on our Bible study for next fall. We are still deciding on a restaurant, you can send suggestions to June Eakin and stay tuned for a notice on where to meet.

COORDINATING TEAM

The next CT meeting will be **Saturday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.** at WMPC. We will make plans for our fall activity.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Contact JoEllen LaPrade if you need coffee! We will offer it again during the summer – watch for details in the Warner Weekly and Sunday Bulletin. Get connected to other Presbyterian Women in our area on the webpage: www.presbyterianwomenncp.org.

WARNER PEOPLE

- 2 Michael Kline
- 3 Cory Atwood
- 5 Kevin Gallun, Jonathan Koff
- 6 Bill Jackson
- 9 Lora McGlade
- 10 Marilyn Victory
- 11 Stacey Koff
- 14 Booth Dunlap, Patrick McGlade, Benjamin Whiteman
- 16 Bill Burns
- 17 Jennifer Cope
- 18 Elizabeth Montgomery, Lindsay Montgomery
- 19 William Hepp
- 20 Thomas Lohm, Andrea Robinson
- 21 Casey McGrath, John W. Parce
- 24 Carol Andresen
- 28 Margaret Carroll

SPECIAL NOTES

2015 All-Church Retreat: A Get-Away for All Ages

Where: Camp Letts, located off the Chesapeake Bay in Edgewater, Maryland

When: Friday, **June 12** at 7:30p.m., through Saturday, **June 13** at 7:30 p.m.

Activities: Swimming, canoeing, hiking, renewing your spirit

Cost: \$60 per person, which covers lodging Friday night and three meals on Saturday

Event hosted by the Christian Education Commission

Contact Jan Moody at jdmoody3@gmail.com

LCYC SUMMER CAMP

LCYC is enrolling students now for its 2015 summer sessions. We are offering one mixed age group class of 15-18 children for each summer session, with three staff. For more information, or to download an application, click on this link to the Warner website:

http://warnermemorial.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=356705

SHEPHERD'S GARDEN

We need more gardening hands for the **Shepherd's Garden!** We are planting, weeding, and watering several days a week. It's a great activity for families with young children who are amazed to see seeds grow into plants they can eat! Students can earn SSL hours. Days and times are flexible—contact June Eakin to get started.



STEPHEN MINISTRIES



“I need someone to talk to.” Ever felt this way? Caring communication with others is a basic human need. **Stephen Ministers** can help meet that need. For a listening ear, or to find out more, please speak to Barbara Jaquette or Rev. Hill.

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NEXT MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the July-August issue of the Warner MEMO **by Saturday, June 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!

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