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THE WARNER MEMO



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WORSHIPPING TOGETHER IN JUNE



Sunday, June 4

Pentecost

Communion

Numbers 11:24-30, John 7:37; 20:19-23

“Receive the Holy Spirit!”

Sunday, June 11

Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8, Titus 3:3-8

“Living as Heirs”

THE TRINITY



Sunday, June 18

Genesis 18:1-15, Romans 5:1-8

“Faith: What’s in a Word?”

Sunday, June 25

Psalm 86:1-10, Romans 6:1-11

“We’re Alive in Christ”

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Loved Ones:

At a May staff meeting Karen Murphy said, “We all feel we’re in transition.” Karen was certainly speaking for herself, as she will soon be leaving Warner’s Learning Center for Young Children after having served many years as the LCYC director. It was noteworthy

however that Karen was also speaking for those who will be part of Warner when she departs. I've been reflecting on that statement ever since.

As a rule, I like constancy. Yet, the month of May brought tremendous transition to my life as I became your Short-Term Stated Supply Pastor; finished a semester of counseling classes at Loyola; moved from one home to another, and lost a parent. I chose some of these changes, but others—especially the loss of my mom—were quite unwelcome.

Every change brings both loss and opportunity. Opportunity is tricky—it can be had only when we embrace it as a fact. It's been my goal to face and move through these transitions as fully as I can. I feel—giving myself permission to grieve what's lost at appropriate times and places. I think—about the meaning of what I have lost, and in its lack, about the meaning I want my life to have now. I act—taking concrete steps to build a new foundation from which to live. I reach out to friends and loved ones—which can be hard, as I can easily talk myself out of burdening others—and, perhaps most important, I look for God's hand in each circumstance. I share this plan with you because it's working. Never in my life have I had so much change at once—and yet I feel peace and clarity.

In a sense, as Karen said, we're all in transition. The Interim Committee has posted the position and can move closer toward hiring your next pastor. The Personnel and CE Committees have finalized a job description for Warner's new CE director which will soon be posted also. While these are bright spots on the horizon, we live in the present. Who will we be as we mourn what's lost? What meaning do we want to make of ourselves and of Warner as we prepare for the new leaders to come? What steps can we take to strengthen our grounding? Now is a time of opportunity—a rare

time when, unfettered by the meanings of yesterday, we can create the meaning of today. Join me in doing so.

With love in Christ,

Your pastor, Laura

COMMUNITY – MISSION

An Upcoming Event by the Commission to the Community

On Sunday, June 11th, we will welcome representatives from a group that helps especially vulnerable refugees. Their presentation will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Common Room, and everyone is encouraged to come. Here's how this came about:

A few months ago, our commission brought up the question of refugees, and what we should be doing to help. After discussing a couple of local organizations, we decided to contact an organization that one of us knew, called Torture Abolition and Survivors' Support Coalition, or TASSC.

TASSC advocates against the use of torture, and it works to help survivors become strong again. In the USA, most of its clients are refugees from other countries; some are in the process of applying for asylum, and some are now lawful permanent residents.

To aid these survivors, TASSC offers them a second home, a community where they can begin to heal and where they can learn practical basics for living here. It also offers group and individual psychological counseling, led by volunteer professionals. For those who need it, it offers legal assistance through all of the steps of the application for asylum, guided by a trained lawyer. Finally, it works



to educate both policymakers and the general public about how to combat torture and support survivors.

As part of this education and advocacy process, TASSC encourages the survivors to become “truth speakers”, to be able to declare what happened to them without feeling shame any more. Those of us from Warner who hear their stories and welcome them warmly on June 11 will be taking part in their healing. You are encouraged to come for a serious but uplifting encounter.

- Cory Atwood for the Commission to the Community

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Summer Worship Hours Change

Mark your calendars! Starting June 18th, summer worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m. This change was approved at the April Session meeting due to the limited capacity of our current air conditioning. Our hope is that the sanctuary will be more comfortable at the earlier time.



In addition, we will not have any early outdoor services this year. While we search for our interim pastor, Pastor Laura is serving us in a part-time capacity which limits her hours of availability.

--Kay Gorman

COMMUNITY – MISSION (... continued)

Preparation for the June 24th Rummage Sale

Between now and Father’s Day, let us continually look around to see what is excess in our lives! What are we hanging on to that that is in good condition but we no longer need, or value? *If you*



know in your heart that someone else needs or would value those things, please dust them off, and move them one more time, to Warner for our Rummage Sale. Donations were accepted on Saturday, June 3rd, and will be accepted again on Sunday, June 18th (Father's Day) between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Willing workers will be available then to help you get your boxed items from your car into the church. Alternatively, you could make arrangements for a drop off, or even a pick-up! (But we won't accept items too heavy to carry.) We'll do all we can to help you and help others to have a "right-sized" life! Donors will receive a letter for tax credit.

Then, between Father's Day (*the very last day to donate items*) and the Rummage Sale (*held Saturday, June 24th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.*) those who help price and display items will get a good look at what will be available, at a bargain price, that will fill a real need that someone has. And the cadre of smiling, helpful people who work the sale will witness the joy of seeing visitors leave with items that will enrich their lives.

At the very end, when the remnants have been donated to a charitable institution (not yet chosen), all the church will have the satisfaction of knowing that the exchange that has taken place has indeed been very good, for we will have raised money for Warner's Mission Trip to Cumberland! You might just want to be involved in that too!

Ready to sign on? Contact Ina Rae Kramer, who will answer your questions, gladly agree to locate someone to help you get your donations delivered, and give willing workers a satisfying assignment.

2017 MISSION TRIP TO Cumberland, MD

Our mission trip between July 23rd and July 28th is rapidly approaching. This year we will be working with the NAILS Program, which is familiar to many Warner members who have

volunteered in Cumberland, Maryland in past years. This program repairs and improves local homes so that owners can live comfortably and safely for as long as possible. In addition to the NAILS Program, some of our volunteers will be spending part of their time performing special community services projects such as packing lunches for needy children with the members of the First Presbyterian Church where we will be staying. Some volunteers may also be working with the Union Rescue Mission in their local emergency shelter.



We had a brief meeting after church services on Sunday, June 4th, for those interested in going. If you were not able to make this meeting, please call Ty Bragg (240-462-2825) so that your name can be added to a list with your contact information. Paperwork, transportation, accommodations, tools, and packing lists were discussed at this meeting. Applications and program information can also be sent to you by email upon your request.

Participants are reminded that there is a participation fee of \$100 per volunteer that goes directly to the NAILS Program to purchase building materials before our group arrives in Cumberland. Financial assistance can be arranged by contacting Ty Bragg or Ina Rae Kramer. All payments should be directed to Cory Atwood for proper record keeping.

If you cannot participate in the mission trip this year but would like to help, please see the article in this Warner Memo about the Rummage Sale [see article above] scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, to support those who will be going to Cumberland.

Blessings,

Ty Bragg, for the Commission to the Community



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!

REMEMBERING THE INTERFAITH CONCERT

I woke up the day after the "Songs of Life" Interfaith Concert, held on Sunday, May 7th, thinking about the wonderfully diverse group that had gathered to create and to enjoy what we all have in common. It was a joy to see many Warner and former Warner folk in the audience: Bob and Ila Trautvetter, Max and Margaret Carroll, and former members Fran and Marty Blendermann; and many others from near and far who made a special effort to come and contribute to the Interfaith Works celebration. We owe a debt of gratitude to our own Bill Burns managing the sound system. Tammy Trocki took many photos, and shared them, and generous volunteers made it possible for all to enjoy lemonade and cookies with many old and new friends after the concert.

Cory Atwood was the well-spoken Master of Ceremonies. The Warner choir, directed by Peter Smeallie, began the music and song after Cory's greeting to an almost full sanctuary of attendees. Ginny Atwood and Nancy Lawrence Hill contributed beautiful cello and piano music. We heard viola and flute music performed by Ari and Shira Reeves and a sing-along for peace sung in Hebrew. The final two songs were performed by the youth of the Indonesian IKPA group individually using bamboo percussion instruments like chimes, touching the hearts of each member of the audience.

An important measure of the success of any fund-raiser is the amount of money raised. Happily, \$1,759 was contributed by attendees!

If you missed the concert on May 7th, and still want to contribute, the Interfaith Works Clothing Center will welcome your contribution. All members of the Commission to the Community say a hearty "thanks" to everyone who helped to make this a fun and heart-warming and successful event.

Susan Bresee

HOSPITALITY



"Unity is strength...
when there is
teamwork and collaboration,
wonderful things
can be achieved."

- Mattie J.T. Stepanek

The Google defines hospitality as, "*the friendly and generous*

reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers." I would maintain that the weekly Fellowship Hour at Warner more than meets these criteria, and I wish to convey a heartfelt thanks to all who have participated in the "Food & Friends" receptions each Sunday this past year by acting a team leads, members, and consumers of the food provided. The team approach is ending its second year, which I would venture to describe as "successful".

As we approach the summer months, we will take a break from the team schedules, and rely on volunteers to provide a pared-down reception each Sunday. **Starting Sunday, June 25th**, we encourage folks to sign up in pairs, triples, families, friends, or

whatever configurations you choose to provide a simple reception following worship. Please consult your summer calendar and consider how you may be able to help during this time. Below are the Sundays available until we resume the team schedule in mid-September.

Summer Sundays, 2017
6/25/17
7/2/17
7/9/17
7/16/17
7/23/17
7/30/17
8/6/17
8/13/17
8/20/17
8/27/17
9/3/17

Similar to past years, if a Sunday is without a volunteer, we will forego having a reception that day. Be on the lookout for an email with the sign-up sheet included. We are optimistic that folks will sustain this program throughout the summer as in years past. Thanks again for your continued support.

Sue Burns, Hospitality Chair



There does not appear to be an “off switch” for women at Warner...after celebrating the nationwide PW Birthday Offering (thanks to all who contributed) in mid-May,

several of us headed for the hills near Berkeley Springs for our fifth annual Breakaway. We enjoyed a weekend of good food, fellowship, hiking at Cacapon Park, and lots of reading while streaming a favorite Oldies radio station. This annual trip has become an event to which we look forward all year! Upon our return, we were pleased to support Hilary Bragg’s non-profit, “Write To Be”, as she and several other founding women prepared for their annual two –week trip to Haiti. In addition to financial contributions, we were able to provide luggage, soccer balls and glue sticks, all of which travelled with Hilary and friends on their travels. Thanks to all for your support of this important effort that benefits young women.

Joy Circle Closes Out 2017 Bible Study Season with a Celebration...

After “studying” for the past several months, Joy Circle members have planned a bit of “R&R” for



Tuesday, June 20th. Instead of finishing up Lesson Four, we will be gathering at **My La Cai Vietnamese** restaurant in **Wheaton at 7 p.m.** to enjoy food and fellowship. 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. If you would

like to join us for dinner, please contact Circle leader, June Eakin so that we can ensure that we have a space for all. Hope to see you there!

Getting Ready for the 2017-2018 Season of PW Book Club

Book Club

selection

The problem with a good book is you want to finish the book but you don't want to finish the book.

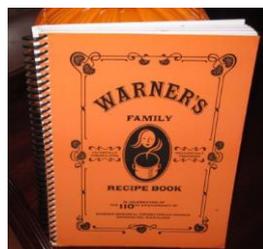
Pre-production planning is key to the success of any project and event in our lives.

Thanks to Lisa Smeallie and others who have made recommendations for next year's list, the needed work for the 2017-2018 book selection "project" is already underway". Some of us had an opportunity to do a pre-screening during our recent weekend in the

mountains. Lisa traveled across Montgomery County to various libraries to secure copies of ~30 books for us to peruse as we whiled away our weekend. Based on these "early voting" tallies, Lisa will finalize the list of books that we will all vote on in June when we meet at Lisa's home for our annual "final vote". While the venue is set, the date is not, so please check the Warner Weekly or look for an email from Lisa with more details/information. Though we may not know the final selections of books for next year, rest assured that we can look forward to challenging, interesting and varied "good reads".

Work on a New Warner Cookbook Continues

Work continues on the gathering of recipes for the next version of a Warner Cookbook. We would like all of the 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 and submit them, via email or hard copy, to Lisa Smeallie. We are now at the point at which we are seeking volunteers to be responsible for publicity and communication, and to plan to set-up two committees: one to organize the format of the book, and a larger committee to create and edit the content. In addition to the recipes, we would love to annotate each with the event at which we enjoyed them, along with any associated stories.



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.



WARNER PEOPLE

Please note the following street address and e-mail changes:

- Mark Bocchetti's email address has changed to bluecanoe7@hotmail.com
- Charlotte Jackson is now at Asbury Methodist.

In Memoriam--George Kleinguenther

Mr. Kleinguenther was a beloved member of Warner, and his presence and gentle nature will be missed. Please keep in prayer his wife, Ginger, their children and grandchildren, as well as other family and great friends. **There will be a memorial service at Warner Memorial on Saturday, June 10 at 6 p.m.**

June Birthdays

- 2 Michael Kline
- 3 Cory Atwood
- 5 Kevin Gallun, Jonathan Koff
- 6 Bill Jackson
- 9 Lora McGlade
- 10 Marilynn 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 Andrea Robinson
- 21 Casey McGrath, John W. Parce
- 24 Carol Andresen
- 28 Margaret Carroll

Next MEMO Issue

Please submit your completed articles to
memo@warnermemorial.org , by **Friday, June 23.**

Thank you for your contributions!

Volunteers required! If you are interested in working on the
monthly Warner Memo, please contact Sharon.

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recently, to prepare and distribute the printed MEMO!

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