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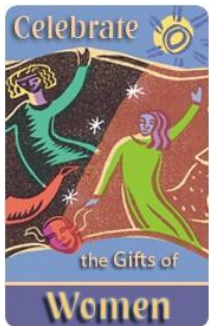
WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN MARCH

Sunday, March 1

Communion
Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16
Mark 8:31-38
“Ending the Protest”

Sunday, March 29

Palm/Passion Sunday
Mark 11:1-11; 15:25-32
“Responding to a
Different Kind of
Reign”



Sunday, March 8

Celebrate the Gifts of
Women
Ruth 1: 1-16
Rosetta Robinson
preaching
“Go-ing Forward”

Sunday, March 15

Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:16-21
“Light Hearted”

Sunday, March 22

NOTE: Worship will be at First Baptist
Church of Ken-Gar

Mark 5:1-20
“Time for You to Leave, Jesus”

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. Please give generously to help our neighbors in need.

**Each day of the month, all year round, you can help us fill the big wooden barrel in the church narthex – the “For I Was Hungry. . .” barrel. It awaits your donations of non-perishable food for the Mid-county United Ministries (MUM) pantry in Wheaton, a source of nourishment for needy people in our area. Currently, MUM especially needs cereals, 1 lb. bags of rice and cans of black beans.
Thank you!**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

The Lenten season is a good time to seek to grow in the practice of prayer. A Presbyterian named Anne Lamott wrote a book named, Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers. Here are some quotes from that book that I hope will enrich your thoughts and practices:

“A nun I know once told me she kept begging God to take her character defects away from her. After years of this prayer, God finally got back to her: I'm not going to take anything away from you, you have to give it to Me.”

“Prayer means that, in some unique way, we believe we're invited into a relationship with someone who hears us when we speak in silence.”

“What's the difference between you and God? God never thinks he's you.”

“When we are stunned to the place beyond words, we're finally starting to get somewhere. It is so much more comfortable to think that we know what it all means, what to expect and how it all hangs together. When we are stunned to the place beyond words, when an aspect of life takes us away from being able to chip away at something until it's down to a manageable size and then to file it nicely away, when all we can say in response is “Wow,” that's a prayer.”

“If I were going to begin practicing the presence of God for the first time today, it would help to begin by admitting the three most terrible truths of our existence: that we are so ruined, and so loved, and in charge of so little.”

“So prayer is our sometimes real selves trying to communicate with the Real, with Truth, with the Light. It is us reaching out to be heard, hoping to be found by a light and warmth in the world, instead of darkness and cold. Even mushrooms respond to light - I suppose they blink their mushroomy eyes, like the rest of us. Light reveals us to ourselves, which is not always so great if you find yourself in a big disgusting mess, possibly of your own creation. But like sunflowers we turn toward light. Light warms, and in most cases it draws

us to itself. And in this light, we can see beyond our modest receptors, to what is way beyond us, and deep inside.”

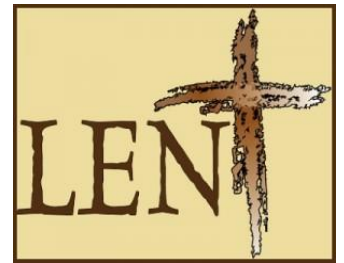
I hope one or more of these quotes give you a reason for an expression of gratitude or a reason to spend a bit more time in prayer.

With prayers for a season of growth,
Kirby Lawrence Hill

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

OUR TWO LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES CONTINUE

(Your choice: Five-part study of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail, and three-part small group Bible series)



- **March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25:** 6:00 p.m.-- Soup and bread supper in the Common Room followed by a study of Dr. King’s letter written in 1963 and discussions about how the church responds to social justice issues in 2015. Dr. Ted Rosche and Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill will lead the series.
- **March 4 and March 11:** 7:30 p.m. – Small group series continues: *Raising Teens in an Almost Christian World* hosted by Jan Moody in her home. These classes are designed for adults interested in the faith development of youth. One goal of the series is to explore ways we can help our children recognize the gift of faith that God has given to them and how that gift can help them navigate a world full of challenges. The book *Almost Christian*, by Kenda Creasy Dean and a study guide will help to direct the discussion.
- **Sunday, March 22:** 11:00 a.m. Warner Church congregation will worship at the First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES IN COMMON ROOM

We continue study and discussion of the “Feasting on the Word” Bible lessons for adults in the **Common Room at 9:30 on Sunday mornings March 1, 15, and 29.** On March 8, Rev. Rosetta Robinson will lead the adult Sunday school class and on March 22, Warner will be at First Baptist of Ken-Gar.

SPECIAL NOTES

KENSINGTON MUSIC MAKERS

Children in grades K through 4th are invited to join the Kensington Music Makers, a fun and interactive music experience featuring singing, percussion ensemble, improvisation and songs from around the world. Sessions will be led by music educators John Horman and Peter Smeallie.



Dates: Mondays, April 13 - May 11, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Location: Common Room, Warner Church.

Cost: \$25.00.

To register, contact Jan Moody, jdmoody3@gmail.com.

Registration forms are also available in the church's main hallway, on the bulletin board outside the C.E. office.

STAFF UPDATES

We welcome our new office manager/administrative assistant Dina Bickel. After ten years as a stay-at-home mom, Dina (rhymes with Tina) has earned a B.S. and Master's in Architecture from the University of Maryland. She and her family live near Warner and one of her children came to LCYC some years ago. She enjoys serving on the Communications Committee of her church (United Parish of Bowie), spending time with her family, and playing tennis competitively. When you stop by or call the office, please welcome her.



We also say thanks and good-bye to Jeff Binckes, who has served as our interim organist since last fall. We are grateful for his dedicated service to the church. And now we prepare to welcome our new organist, Kim Hess, whose first Sunday worship service here will be March 8. Her higher education degrees include a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Organ Performance, a Master of Music in Sacred Music, and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance and Literature. She is an accomplished organist who gives recitals in some of the larger venues in the area. We look forward to the ways she will enrich our worship.

BOARD OF DEACONS

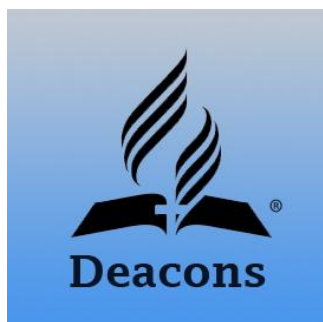
MANY THANKS



The Board of Deacons would like to extend further thanks to **Warner's Presbyterian Women** for their continued support of our work. As has been mentioned in previous columns, the PW baked and packed Christmas cookies to accompany the Christmas baskets that the deacons assembled and delivered to our homebound members. Additionally, the Presbyterian Women helped us set-up, clean-up and prepare food for a recent memorial service. In February, the PW also took charge of a Saturday dinner at Rainbow Place (a women's shelter) on Valentine's Day. In addition to preparing and serving a meal, they assembled gift bags of socks and Valentines for the ladies and also provided entertainment.

The board would also like to thank *all other Warnerites* who helped with the preparation and serving of dinners at Rainbow Place on Saturdays in February, including those folks on the Community Commission who made food and served.

If you missed in February, our next scheduled time to serve will be in November. It is a great opportunity for you or your group to help the less fortunate of the area! Mark your calendars now!



At the January Congregational Meeting, John Morris was nominated and elected to become a deacon. He will be ordained and installed soon. However, we are still short 4 deacons. If you are interested in becoming a deacon or know of someone who is, please contact a current deacon or a member of the nominating committee.

Next month, after the Easter services, the board will be delivering flowering plants to our homebound members/friends. The visits along with the flowers provide a little cheer to those who are unable to get to Warner Sunday services and other events.

Stay tuned to upcoming MEMOS for updates on deacon activities....

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

COMMUNITY



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING HELPS THE MANY WHO ARE NEEDY

We regularly hear of people in sudden need because of natural disasters, of others in chronic hunger from deeply rooted causes, and of others trying to survive after fleeing their homelands. The devastation for people in this country and around the world calls us to follow God’s command to love our neighbor and love the stranger.

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering puts this love into action. OGHS supports **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, helping victims of natural disasters and also victims of human tragedies such as mass shootings. OGHS also supports the **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, helping hungry people overcome obstacles and develop ways to grow the food they need. And OGHS supports the **Self Development of People** program, helping powerless groups of people become strong healthy communities despite the barriers. All this help involves money, but also people, both trained advisors and short-term volunteers. They come with know-how and caring, giving face-to-face and hand-to-hand.

Offering envelopes are in the pew racks, and we will collect this offering **March 8 through March 29**. *Please make checks payable to Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, and write “OGHS” on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.*

Cory Atwood, for the Commission to the Community

“TWO CENTS-A-MEAL” – IT ALL ADDS UP!

On the third Sunday of every month, we collect your coins, dollars and checks – Warner Memorial’s “2 Cents-a-Meal” program, which supports hunger programs both near and far. In January and February, a portion went to Rainbow Place women’s shelter at Rockville Presbyterian Church. ***If you are able to help count the coins on March 15 after worship, please join us in the church library after picking up a snack in the social hall.*** Thanks to all who’ve contributed to this collection in recent months; please know that your donations help our denomination’s hunger relief missions. – Ann Rakow

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

If you pay an electric bill with Pepco, BGE, or Potomac Edison you have the opportunity to **choose where your electricity comes from**, but choosing between suppliers can be overwhelming. Interfaith Power & Light (environmental non-profit) partners with Groundswell Energy to use our collective buying power to negotiate the best contracts with the lowest prices for 100% clean energy.

[Sign up by April 21](#) to receive information about this spring's clean energy rates. Each person who signs up will help us all secure the best prices. Filling out the interest form does not commit you to signing a contract. The electric supply contract for Warner Memorial was negotiated through Groundswell Energy and our church is using 100% renewable energy.



Join hundreds in our community and [sign up today](#) to learn more about 100% clean electricity for your home.

Interested in this spring's clean energy rates?

[Yes! I want to learn more.](#)

Thousands of people in DC and Maryland have bought 100% clean energy for their homes and apartments with Interfaith Power & Light and Groundswell Energy. This spring is your chance to join them.

Want to learn more? Read our FAQs. Thanks for all that you folks do for cleaner and healthier communities!

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT “TIP(S) OF THE MONTH”

> **Air pollution impacts children’s health**, causing problems such as asthma. Advocacy for clean air is true eco-justice advocacy. You can participate by contacting members of Congress and state governments, as well as the United Nations, the World Council of Churches, and other agencies dealing with environmental issues. Your input helps these leaders in their decision-making.

> **Study renewable energy sources** that are useful in low-technology places around the world, and find out what mission projects your church might support in these areas.

YOU ARE INVITED—COME TO ADULT SUNDAY CLASS IN APRIL AND MAY

At Warner’s Adult Sunday school, you’re invited to a four-week series covering several chapters of the book Inhabiting Eden by Barbara Tull. **June Eakin will lead the class, beginning April 12**, the Sunday following Easter. If you want a good read about Christians, the Bible, and some ecological crises, June highly recommends this book from Westminster John Knox Press.

OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

CAN YOU HELP?

The sign-up sheet for hosting the Fellowship time is located in our main hallway opposite the church office. Please check with Sue Burns (301-933-7799) for more information and to find out how you can help. *Thank you! And please invite any newcomers in worship to stay and join with us for the Fellowship time, if they wish.*



NOTE: On the third Sunday, Warner celebrates in fellowship with a “Simple Sunday” theme — only light snacks and juices, coffee & tea. This month, Simple Sunday will be on March 15. Then, on March 29, we gather for the annual Palm Sunday Brunch. Can you help with either of these times of fellowship?

BUILDING & GROUNDS



UPCOMING WORKDAY—SAVE THE DATE!

We know a church in Kensington that would like to host some mission volunteers for some painting and light repairs – you guessed it, it’s us!

Spring Workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 from 8:00-2:00. Put your shoulder to moving mulch, your hands to polishing woodwork, and your spirit to working side-by-side with your church family and LCYC staff & parents. Watch for a sign-board of jobs to be posted soon before the date. If you love to cook – our volunteers need to eat! Will you provide lunch that day? If you are the man, woman, or child for any of the jobs, contact Susan Kline (301-774-9524) or June Eakin (301-384-3170) for more information. If you wish to take on a task for another day, call us!

The new heating system for the LCYC classrooms was recently completed. Please come take a look at these modern “radiators” called, Runtals. They do a terrific job heating the spaces quickly. Susan Kline and the commission did a great job choosing them.

In these winter months, please use extra caution when using the Connecticut Avenue entrance because we cannot use salt/ice melt on the new concrete there for the first two years. We will clear it and use sand on the sidewalk, steps and ramp, but please be careful. If you are interested buying our snow-blower (needs engine work) please contact June Eakin.

June Eakin,

Chair for Buildings and Grounds

UPDATE ON 3905 PROSPECT STREET PROPERTY

Warner Memorial Church looks to be close to finalizing the contract selling the lot at 3905 Prospect Street to a development group. There has been negotiation about easement language that has taken some time to work out, but we hope to be able to move to settlement soon.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



On February 14th Warner PW sponsored a Valentine's party to express love to the ladies of Rainbow Place. With flowers on the tables, a delicious menu, gifts of handmade Valentines, soft socks, and live music provided by Bill Burns and John



Horman, it was a warm and wonderful evening – even though the

snow and wind were blowing furiously outdoors. Special thanks to our crafters, servers, cooks, musicians, and donors. There is a long list of folks who contributed to the success of the evening: Sue and Bill Burns, Sheri Daugherty, JoEllen LaPrade, June Eakin, Lisa Smeallie, Susan and Jim Bresee, Janet Tennent, Lora McGlade, and John Horman, Donna McNeil, Diane Schroeder, Mildred and Edd West, Ina Rae Kramer, Marie Rosché, Karen Cook, Glee Lohm, Ginny Atwood. It takes a village and we are part of a great one!



In 2015, Celebrate the Gifts of Women lifts up the bond between young and senior women on *Sunday March 8*, and our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Rosetta Robinson, the director of **Congregation and Community Emergency Support at Interfaith Works**. She is the founder of the annual Caregivers Conference and the Community Recognition Awards to recognize the efforts of low-income persons to become self-sufficient.

PW will be hosting the Fellowship Hour, so please contact Sue Burns if you can bring food, set up, serve, or clean up on that Sunday. Let's make this an intergenerational experience in the spirit of this year's theme.

BOOK GROUP FOR MARCH – This month's book is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Copies are readily available through the public library in print, electronic and audio books. Join us on **Tuesday, March 24th at 7:30 pm** in the church library, whether or not you read/listen to the



novel! “Inspired in part by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke (a feminist, suffragist and, importantly, an abolitionist), Kidd allows herself to go beyond the record to flesh out the inner lives of all the characters, both real and imagined” – from the publisher.

WARNER’S PW COORDINATING TEAM is meeting **Saturday, March 7th at 10:30AM** in the Trinity Room. This meeting is open to all Warner Women and we would love to have you join us.

JOY CIRCLE - Tuesday, March 10th, 7:30pm in the church library. We will have a lesson and discussion on Song of Songs, led by the video, *Uppity Women of the Bible*. Lesson leader: June Eakin, Hostess: Ginny Atwood



Easter Baskets for NIH- Sheri Daugherty is leading the effort to provide an Easter basket for each child at NIH Children’s Inn. **Refer to the information on the following page**, and watch both the Sunday bulletins and the PW bulletin board for more information about how you can participate this year.

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

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Maundy Thursday supper on April 2nd** will be hosted by PW at 6:30 immediately before the worship service that evening. Be on the lookout for how you can serve our congregation through this meaningful meal.
- **Spring Breakaway – the weekend of April 24-26** - Warner Women are escaping to the mountains and the Bresee’s cabin near Berkeley Springs, WV. More information will be available in April. **If you know already that you are planning to participate, please contact Sue Burns.**
- **NCP PW Spring Gathering on Sat. April 25th** at Ebenezer PC in VA
- **Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering, June 12-14**, Harrisonburg, VA
- **PW Churchwide Gathering, “One Body, One Spirit” June 18-21**, Minneapolis, MN



WARNER'S PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S EASTER BASKETS for the sick kids at The Children's Inn at NIH were a big hit with the kids last year! Contributors were thoughtful and generous. Let's do it again!

All contributors please choose from the list below:

- ✓ Natural or white baskets no bigger than 8" diameter or 8" square.
- ✓ Solid color medium size gift bags, curling ribbon.
****Medium size plastic bags made specifically for baskets to fit into!! Check Michaels, Bruce Variety, Five & Below, JoAnne Fabrics***
- ✓ ****ONLY Green Easter Grass.***
- ✓ ***ONLY wrapped candy, crackers, energy bars.***
- ✓ Washable markers, small boxes of colored pencils, crayons--8 to a box.
- ✓ Rolls of white PAPER shelf paper to color upon.
- ✓ Books. Possible topics: Insects, stars, rocks, riddles, jokes, humor, animals, antidotes, how something works, why is something named the way it is, or the meaning of clichés, game rules, card game rules, classics, manners/etiquette, ethics. Peter Rabbit, Br'er Rabbit, Harvey (play or CD!) No Bugs, Robert, Thumper Rabbits and the Velveteen Rabbit is a Christmas story.
- ✓ Travel size games: Chess, checkers, tick tack toe, Old Maid, Fish, Uno, Yatzee, deck of cards.
- ✓ Small pads of paper, little notebooks, large piece puzzles.
- ✓ Jump ropes, inflatable balls, mobiles.
- ✓ Standard size recorders, tambourines, kazoos, maracas (no triangles).
- ✓ Washable Bandanas & socks, pocket packets or small boxes of tissues, emery boards, combs.
- ✓ ****Rabbits, Bunnies, Chickies & Lambies made of plastic, resin, rubber or non-porous materials only!***
****really, really, really important!!***

IMPORTANT!! Please DO NOT include the following in your offerings:

- × ***STUFFED OR PLUSH ANIMALS ETC.*** They carry allergens harmful to the kids.
- × Branded products: i.e.: Dora, Angry Birds, Spiderman, GI Joes, Disney etc.
- × Bang 'em up/shoot 'em up toys.
- × Anything messy, gooey, icky, sticky, drippy, bubbly or sprayed: i.e. mace.
- × Pointy objects: jacks, pickup sticks, toothpicks, ninja stars
- × Loose candy, homemade goodies, hard-cooked, raw or dyed eggs, gum, nuts.
- × Stories/books about the meaning of Easter. Religious materials.

Get **creative** about items for the baskets since ***PLUSH ANIMALS are no longer allowed!***
Choose things related to Spring, interesting diversions or mildly educational.

DROP OFF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29TH IN THE LIBRARY.

Questions? Call Sheri Daugherty 301-493-8456 for possible answers!

WARNER PEOPLE

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jennifer Letizia
- 2 Abigail Massey, Luke Gillette
- 4 Louise MacDonald, Matthew Carlson
- 5 Diane Schroeder
- 6 Antonio Robinson
- 8 Susie Sun
- 9 Bruce Bowen
- 10 Larry Pinkus
- 11 Emily Bragg
- 12 Tim Geiger
- 14 Joan Bannon, Geoff Cope, Glee Lohm
- 15 Kirby Lawrence Hill, Kimberly Moody
- 17 Shalini Puri, Robert Gillette
- 18 Charles Castner
- 19 Pam Dunn
- 20 Alice Castner, Elizabeth (Libby) Bunn
- 24 Ida Yoder
- 26 Robert Swendiman
- 28 Ruth Harvey
- 29 Doug Seeley, Hannah Cope
- 30 Karen Cook
- 31 Elnora Gloss, Dawn Rhine

ROBERT SWENDIMAN IS NOW AN M.D.

Robert Swendiman, a Warner member, graduated from the University of North Carolina Medical School in May of 2014, and is now a surgical resident in Philadelphia at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Dr. Robert!

NEW WARNER DIRECTORIES WILL BE PRINTED AND AVAILABLE SOON

Has your contact information changed? Please send any address, phone number, or e-mail changes or additions to Dina at office@warnermemorial.org – or call the church (301-949-2900).

WEEKLY EXERCISE CLASS AT WARNER!

Do you want to get into a fitness routine? Come and enjoy the fellowship of others as we strengthen our bodies and minds. **Come to an aerobics class on Wednesday mornings**, and bring a friend—the more, the merrier! Sharon Allen, a certified instructor, leads the Jacki Sorensen Aerobic Dancing program at **9:30 a.m. on the top floor** at Warner Memorial. The cost is \$8 per class, and your first class is free! For more information, or to sign up, please call 301-213-4654. Registration is not required, but is helpful. Thank you!

STEPHEN MINISTRY FULFILLS A VITAL MISSION



“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion.”
(Colossians 3:12) Stephen Ministers provide Christian one-to-one care to folks who are experiencing needs, losses and other overwhelming circumstances. If you or someone close to you would benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Barbara Jaquette or Rev. Hill.

Stephen Ministers are trained in confidentiality and listening skills.

NEXT MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the April issue of the Warner MEMO **by Friday, March 20**. To all of our contributors: You may send your material via disk or typed hardcopy to the church office, or e-mail articles and photos to memo@warnermemorial.org... and we thank you for your contributions!

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