

May 2015

# THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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## WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN MAY

### Sunday, May 3

*Communion*

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8  
“The Source”

### Sunday, May 10

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17  
“FOJ”

### Sunday, May 17

Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23  
“Hope, Riches, Greatness”

### Sunday, May 24

*Pentecost*

Romans 8:22-27; Acts 2:1-21  
“Spirited Words”

### Sunday, May 31

Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17  
“On Earth as It Is in Heaven”

*Rev. Stephany Crosby, guest preacher*



Every day of the month, you can help 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!**

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.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

As most of you know, our building suffered extensive damage to carpets, floors, and ceilings through a significant unfortunate radiator event that ended up flooding parts of the building on three floors. So when will we get the repairs done and what will the scope of the work be? We are still waiting on confirmation from our insurance agency, but we expect to get new tile flooring in the financial office, hallway, youth room and music director's office on the second floor. We expect to get new carpeting in the sanctuary and main hallway as well as new ceiling tiles in the hallway on the first floor. We anticipate getting new ceiling tiles on the ground floor in the social hall. When the old carpet is taken up, there are locations where it is expected that sixty year old floor tile will come up as well, which would mean that some asbestos abatement would need to take place. That's part of what has slowed down the insurance company from moving forward, as we expect to get the financial coverage to allow that work to take place. *Side note: it is perfectly safe to be in the building now, but it is likely we will have to shut and seal the building for the few weekdays for that work to be safely done.* We are anticipating that the work on the flooring and carpeting won't take place until the end of June or early July, when the building gets less use than it does during the fall, winter, and spring. A committee to recommend carpeting/flooring has made an initial report to the Session and will report back to the Session when more financial information is available.

Many of you are also aware that the Session, congregation, and presbytery have approved a sale of one part of the grassy lot on Prospect Street that has served as overflow parking for Warner. The developer/buyer and a Warner committee have been working their way through complicated easement agreements so that the buyer and future owner of the property, once a house is built and sold, will stay within limits that meet our congregational needs for the adjacent property that will still be used for overflow parking. There are also some things Warner will need to agree to in order to protect the developer/builder's interests. This has all taken much longer than any of us had hoped or imagined, but the committee of dedicated folks believes the end is in sight.

A couple of conclusions I take from these situations: (1) it often takes longer than expected to reach a particular goal; (2) Warner is blessed with very dedicated people who stick with a project to its favorable conclusion. Item #1 does not always fill me with gratitude, but item #2 consistently does. And we'll have more reason to be grateful unto God when we reach the conclusion of these two projects.

With gratitude for you all,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## SPECIAL NOTES

### **WARNER STAFF UPDATE**

The Session is excited to announce that Warner has hired Sungho Paik to be our next permanent organist. Sungho has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in organ performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Music of Johns Hopkins University, as well as a graduate performance diploma from the same institution. Among the churches he has served has been Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, where he was organist for six years. Sungho's first Sunday back with us will be May 24. Until then, Kim Hess will be finishing out her time with us serving as interim organist. We are thankful to have such wonderful musicians that enrich our times of congregational worship.

### **HELP WANTED—USHERS AND VBS STAFF**

Warner Memorial Church has openings for able-bodied folks to usher at worship on Sundays. We're looking for interested individuals and couples to consider ushering for a month of Sundays -- or for specific Sundays. Please scan the schedule, which is on the hallway bulletin board near the office door, and see where you could fit in.

Our C.E. program is looking for teen and adult volunteers to fill the staff for our annual Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS will be the week of June 22 – 26, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We look forward to your help – for a few hours, a day, or all week. Please contact Jan Moody through the church office (301-949-2900).



### **OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM OFFERS A CONFIDENTIAL “EAR” FOR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**

Are you, or someone you know and love, experiencing a burdensome or distressing condition? Is it affecting health or relationships with family and friends? 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).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### EXCITING EVENTS COMING IN JUNE

#### SIGN UP FOR OUR ALL-CHURCH RETREAT: A GET-AWAY FOR ALL AGES

**Where:** Camp Letts, near the Chesapeake Bay in Edgewater, Maryland

**When:** Friday, June 12 at 7:30 pm through Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 pm

**Activities:** swimming, canoeing, hiking, renewing your spirit

**Cost:** \$60.00 per person covers lodging Friday night and three meals on Saturday.

This event is hosted by the Christian Education Commission.

For more information or to sign up contact Jan Moody: [jdmooody3@gmail.com](mailto:jdmooody3@gmail.com)

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Warner's annual Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 22-26, from 9:00 until noon. Our theme for VBS this year is: ***Clean Water for all God's Children***. This is an interactive Bible-based program that gives children a chance to experience the wonders of God's creation.

VBS registration forms and brochures can be picked up outside the C.E. Office in the church's main hallway, or they can be downloaded from the Warner Memorial Church website: [www.warnermemorial.org](http://www.warnermemorial.org).

We look forward to an exciting week, as always!

#### WARNER'S LEARNING CENTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN OPENS REGISTRATION FOR 2015 SUMMER CAMP—AND FOR THE NEXT FALL TERM

Our Learning Center for Young Children (LCYC) has opened registration for its summer day camp experience. This is for children who have completed 2, 3 or 4-year old preschool classes this past year. The LCYC is also opening registration for the upcoming school year.

For the Summer Sessions, the weeks are: June 8-12 (Theme: Weather and Seasons); June 15-19 (Dinosaurs); July 20-24 (Sea Life); and August 24-28 (Zoo Animals). For more information about Warner's Learning Center, a parent co-op preschool, call 301-949-2933 or visit the Warner website: [www.warnermemorial.org](http://www.warnermemorial.org).

## COMMUNITY

### **YOUR APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MANY LIVES!**

### **THROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"...**



Thanks to the many who contributed to the 2015 One Great Hour of Sharing. Our final total as of April 13 was \$2,154.25. This will be used in this country and around the world, providing long-term help for the chronically hungry, those recovering from disasters, and those who are squeezed to the margins of society. Again, thank you.

Cory Atwood, for the Commission to the Community

### **... AND WARNER'S "TWO CENTS-A-MEAL" PROGRAM**

On Sunday, April 19, a group gathered in the Common Room to count the monthly 2 Cents-a-Meal donations. The monthly total was \$229.50. For April and May, our discretionary 40% will go to help the Shepherd's Table hunger program in Silver Spring. Collected on the third Sunday of each month, Warner's 2 Cents-a-Meal project contributes to hunger relief nearby and, through Presbyterian programs, around the nation and the larger world community as well. Thanks to all who donate.



We look for others to help us with counting this collection every month – please stop by the Common Room after worship and fellowship time on May 17. -- Ann Rakow

### **Here's a selection from "The Newsletter" – a copy source for editors**

#### **What more can you do?**

- I will do more than belong – I will participate.
- I will do more than care – I will help.
- I will do more than believe – I will trust.
- I will do more than dream – I will work.
- I will do more than teach – I will inspire.
- I will do more than earn – I will enrich.
- I will do more than give – I will serve.
- I will do more than live – I will grow.
- I will do more than be friendly – I will be a friend.
- I will do more than talk – I will listen.

-- Anonymous

## BOARD OF DEACONS

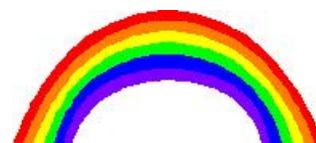
### SHOP FOR SMART SACKS AND HELP HUNGRY SCHOOL CHILDREN!



On Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the Deacons will be stationed outside the entrances of the Kensington Safeway collecting donations for MANNA’s Smart Sacks program. Smart Sacks is a program which gives a backpack full of kid friendly food to elementary school children who are at risk of hunger on weekends when there is no school breakfast or lunch. We will be handing out lists of needed items for the backpacks as you enter the store... so we hope you will stop by and see us that Saturday, and as you are doing your food shopping, consider purchasing a few items off the Smart Sacks list. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16.

### “THANK YOU” FROM RAINBOW PLACE

As you will remember, in February, the Deacons coordinated Warner’s preparation and serving of Saturday dinners at Rainbow Place, a women’s shelter at Rockville Presbyterian Church. The Deacons just received a warm note from the director, Nancy Sushinsky, thanking us for Warner’s participation. Please see a quote below from that note:



*“It is hard to believe that our shelter season at Rainbow Place is over. The staff, clients, and leadership would like to thank Warner Memorial for your donations of time, service and food for our women. We appreciate the on-going commitment to serve the evening meal and the wonderful meals you provided and served the women of Rainbow Place. It makes a difference in their lives to have food served and prepared by loving hands. We also appreciate the fun Valentine’s Day celebration that you provided. It was a resounding success and everyone had a great time. Your generosity and kindness have blessed both the shelter and the 85 women who stayed the winter season.”*

Thanks go to the Presbyterian Women of Warner and their friends for the Valentine’s celebration mentioned above and thanks again to all Warnerites. Our next time to serve will be in the fall...stay tuned. Also stay tuned to the next MEMO for updates from the Board of Deacons!

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator of the Deacons

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

### **WALK 'N' RIDE SUNDAY—ENJOY ON MAY 17, 2015**

The Environmental Stewardship Team invites you to try an alternative form of transportation to get to church on May 17, designated Walk 'n' Ride Sunday. Try walking, carpooling, biking, taking the bus, or any other alternative to driving. Last year we all admired the Eakins' fabulous Elf—a cross between a bicycle and a car, with three wheels, pedals, a solar panel and an enclosed cab—that runs on a rechargeable battery. What new means of transportation will you try?



In conjunction with Walk 'n' Ride Sunday, the Environmental Stewardship Team will host a presentation on solar power following fellowship hour. New technology and federal energy tax credits are making solar power more affordable as an energy source. Come learn more and see if solar will work for you!

### **HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR SHEPHERD'S GARDEN**



Inside the fence north of the Sanctuary patio are two vegetable beds where produce is grown for the kitchen at Shepherd's Table that provides meals in Silver Spring. The Shepherd's Garden is a mission project of the Environmental Stewardship Team that can be supported by our entire congregation by volunteering and buying plants.

The plants you may have seen growing on the windowsills in the Social Hall will be for sale in mid-May. There are tomato, pepper, eggplant, basil, parsley, and more for our garden and yours! Please make a donation in the box provided--the funds will support supplies and a new fence for the church garden.

Every garden needs gardeners and EST needs your help to make fresh organically-grown vegetables a reality for the hungry of Silver Spring. Isn't it amazing how God (through our hands) can turn a few dollars of seeds into many pounds of produce!! June Eakin and Susan Bresee are the lead gardeners and are willing to teach this rewarding activity. Can you offer even one hour a week? Some tasks are as simple as watering and trimming the garden's paths. Other tasks include weeding, planting, and harvesting. This work goes on April - October, with May being the peak need for help. Contact June (301-384-3170) if you will be "on call" as a garden helper. Young people can earn SSL hours.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

### **MARCH FLOOD—RECOVERY UPDATE AS OF 4/21/15**

We are awaiting approval from our insurance company and tentatively plan recovery work to begin near the end of June. The project will include asbestos abatement, new flooring, and new ceilings in several areas of the building.

### **LEDs “LIGHT UP” OUR CLASSROOMS, HALLWAYS AND SOCIAL HALL!**

They’re brighter (without glare), energy-saving – and were installed recently at no cost! What more can we say? Enjoy the new ceiling lights at Warner, provided through a Pepco rebate program in which we participate.

### **WORKDAY PROJECTS CONTINUE**

Couldn’t make it to the Spring Workday? Prefer to work alone? Are you, or your family, willing to tackle a single project to keep up God’s House? Contact June Eakin, chair of Buildings & Grounds, for guidance and supplies for any one task:



- paint small sections of conduit on the first floor
- paint lines on the parking spaces of the paved lot
- paint edges of the steps around the building
- clean tile walls in men’s and women’s bathrooms
- repair ceiling on the second floor (room 24)

- prune/shape juniper bushes

Call me! June (301-384-3170)

When a mother came home from the hospital, she had to be confined to bed for several days. Her 9-year-old daughter came home from school one day and peeked into her mother’s room. Thinking that her mother was asleep, she tiptoed in, quietly unfolded the blanket at the foot of the bed, and gently tucked it around her mother. The mother stirred, and then whispered, “You know, it wasn’t too long ago that I was tucking you in. And now you’re doing it for me. Thank you.”

The daughter replied, “That’s okay; around here, we take turns.”

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

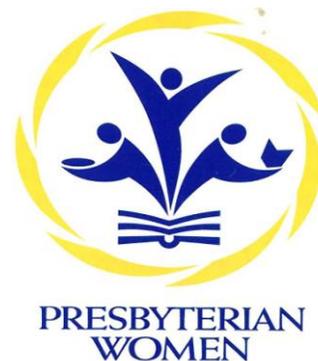


### **EASTER BASKETS FOR NIH-**

Hopefully you have had a chance to read the response of gratitude from NIH included in a recent Warner Weekly, as well as enjoy photos posted on the PW Bulletin Board, for the 61 Easter Baskets that Warner prepared and delivered under the direction of Sheri Daugherty to the NIH Children's Inn this year. The comments from NIH are a testimony that the hard work was well worth it. Each basket was a masterpiece - intended to lift spirits. The congregation was generous with their gifts, which was very important to the success of this effort. In addition to Sheri, Ina Rae Kramer, Ann Rakow, Mary Lou Armstrong, Kay Gorman, and Dawn Rhine donated their time and talents to "man" the assembly line for the final preparation of the baskets.

What you may not have known is all year long, each and every year; Sheri keeps these young people in mind - not just during a few weeks leading up to Easter, scouring shops and sales to collect items that meet the criteria prescribed by NIH. Thank you, Sheri for spearheading and sustaining this wonderful example of local mission. In the words of Ina Rae, "The project is a treasure..." (Read excerpts from the note from NIH following these PW articles.)

**WARNER'S PW COORDINATING TEAM** is meeting Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Trinity Room. This meeting is open to all Warner Women and we would love to have you join us. We will be starting our discussion of Fall activities for PW, so please let us know if you have any thoughts or ideas.



### **JOY CIRCLE**

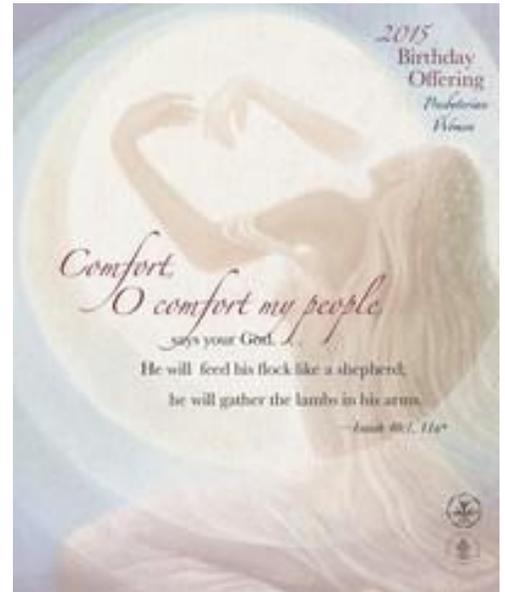
**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30pm in the church library. We will continue our study of the Book of Esther, led by the video, *Uppity Women of the Bible*. During our first lesson we discovered this exciting tale is similar to Judith in that its historical aspects are mixed up and it's a story to lift the spirits of the Israelites. *Lesson Leader: June Eakin, Hostess: Still seeking a volunteer. Contact June if you are interested.*

## WARNER PW COLLECTING BIRTHDAY OFFERING

MAY 17

*What is the Birthday Offering?*

In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That same year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. Realizing the school's needs, she challenged members of the Women's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to the school. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout. The Birthday Offering is collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

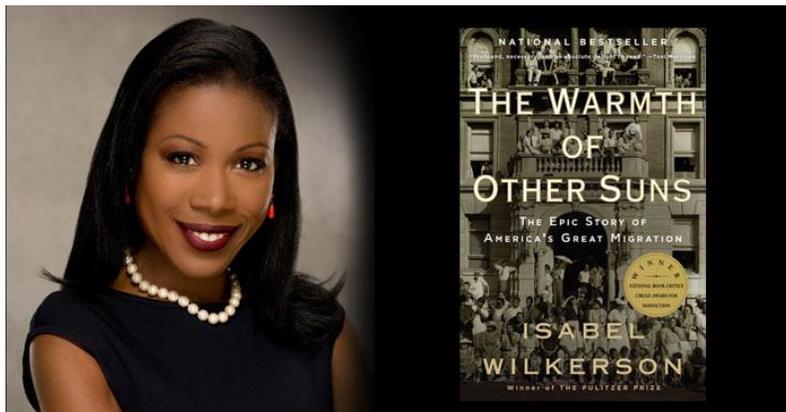


*The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux and Bethesda Christian Community Center will receive grants from the 2015 Birthday Offering. This money will allow these ministries to support women in Memphis, Tennessee, and Barranquilla, Colombia, who are overcoming oppressive, violent situations. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on gifts received in 2015.*

***No giving guidelines are suggested other than “give as you are blessed.” Please use the Birthday Offering envelopes available in the sanctuary and at Fellowship Hour on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your donation as PW Birthday Offering.***

## FIELD TRIP, SUNDAY, MAY 17

After reading and enjoying, “*The Warmth of Other Suns*” for our April Book Group, several of us are planning to attend a book discussion about this epic story of America's great migration.

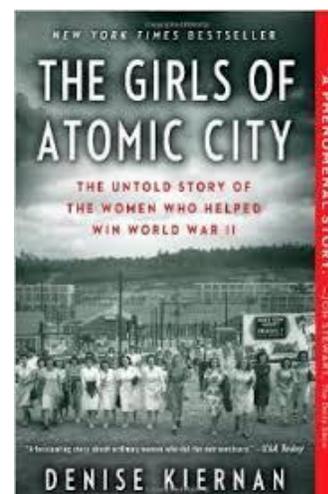


Beginning in 1915 southern Blacks began moving north and west in search of freedom from Jim Crow and great opportunities. While not living under the violence and terror of Jim Crow and gaining the vote, still they faced racism, discrimination, segregation and antipathy. The past comes to life with continued

implications today. This event is sponsored by the Black Presbyterian United Group and is being held at Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church located at 1701 15th St. Several women are planning to attend and it would be best to carpool or take Metro. Contact Lisa Smeallie or Sue Burns if you are interested in attending.

## BOOK GROUP FOR MAY

Our book selection for this month's book discussion is, "*The Girls of Atomic City*" by Denise Kiernan. Copies are available through the public library in print, electronic and audio books. Join us on **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in the church library, whether or not you read/listen to the novel! If you are interested in leading the discussion, please contact Lisa Smeallie.



## MID ATLANTIC SYNOD PW SUMMER GATHERING

Are you thirsty? Do you need renewal? What are you waiting for? Come to the water at the 2015 Mid-Atlantic PW Synod Summer Gathering **June 12-14, 2015** for at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia. You will be filled, and find refreshment for your soul! June Eakin is hoping to attend June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, so please contact her if you are interested.

Get connected to other Presbyterian Women in our area on the webpage:

[www.presbyterianwomenncp.org](http://www.presbyterianwomenncp.org).

## A JOY-FILLED EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM NIH CHILDREN'S INN FOR THE EASTER BASKETS

Thank you so much for delivering the Easter Baskets this past weekend! They were a huge hit with the kids. Please find below some of the feedback from the kids, provided by one of our managers:

Patient (20 yrs): The patient remembered the Easter Baskets from last year and asked if we would be getting them again this year. Her basket contained a family tree kit. I shared with the patient and her family that a group of volunteers provides us with these baskets. She got teary and said that we are so lucky to have someone to make baskets for patients who have to be here and are not at home for Easter.

Patient (6 yrs old): "This is GREAT!" The patient's mom could not get him to wait to open the basket after he saw what was inside.

One patient asked our manager to please make sure that she set aside a basket for her to have when she returned from church.

While the candy seemed to be the biggest hit, the children really loved that the baskets were created with them in mind (i.e. their age, interests, etc.) Some of our older patients were thrilled that there were baskets for them as well. The various books were also enjoyed by many!

Thank you so much for putting so much time and effort into creating these baskets for our kiddos! The children and their families appreciated them immensely!

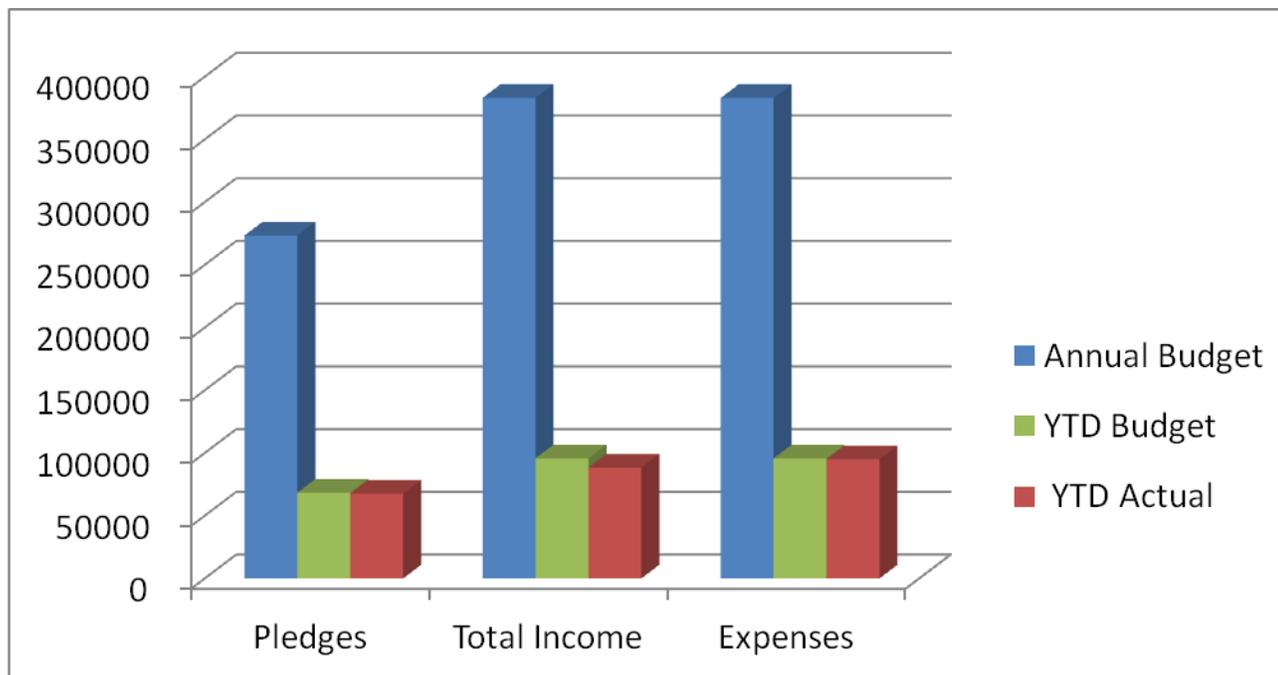
Best, Meredith

✦ *For more about Warner's mission contacts and activities, we refer our readers to the bulletin boards in our church's main hallway. These include notices and articles collected by the Community Commission, especially about Rev. Holly Ulmer and United Campus Ministry at the Univ. of Maryland – College Park.*

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

### MARCH 2015, YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE CHART

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over(Under) Budget
Pledges	\$273,400	\$68,350	\$67,586	(\$764)
Total Income	\$383,094	\$95,774	\$88,303	(\$7,470)
Expenses	\$383,094	\$95,774	\$95,010	(\$764)
Net Income(Loss)	\$0	\$0	(\$6,706)	



# WARNER PEOPLE

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Mary Hancock, Beth Kuzmyak
- 7 Carl Adams, Claudia Stalker, Beatrice Winter
- 8 George Bocchetti, Charlotte Cook, Paul Magee
- 11 Barbara Shaw
- 16 Isabelle Merl
- 18 Lisa Saltzman, Michael Simenauer
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- 22 Alec Burns, Barbara Jaquette
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## **NEXT MEMO ISSUE**

Please submit articles and notices for the June issue of the Warner MEMO **by Wednesday, May 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](mailto:memo@warnermemorial.org) ...and we thank you for your contributions!

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