

May 2016

# 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 1

Communion

Psalm 67

John 14:23-29

“Untroubled, Unafraid”

### Sunday, May 8

Psalm 97

Acts 16:16-34

“The Need to be Freed”

### Sunday, May 15

*Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

“The Adopter”



### Sunday, May 22

*Trinity Sunday*

John 16:12-15

Romans 5:1-5

“Peace, Joy, and Love”

### Sunday, May 29

Psalm 96

1 Kings 18:20-39

“The Competition”

***Every day of the year, you can help the 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 for helping our neighbors in need !***

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,



We now are a year and a half before the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. That major transition in the church has generally been viewed as starting when a monk named Martin Luther nailed 95 theses on a church door in what is now Wittenberg, Germany. It was a way to get a public discussion started and it led to vast changes in the church. There are those who think the church goes through a significant time of change every 500 years or so. Whether the changes that are currently happening within the church (broadly speaking) have to do with the period of time since the Reformation or not, we may not care. But certainly there are vast changes going on within our church and society. What is to be the church's role in this time and place?

To try to discern where God might be leading us, the Warner Session has decided to use an instrument that other congregations in our presbytery have found very useful. It is called the C.A.T. (Congregation Assessment Tool). This survey will measure your level of satisfaction and energy, and give you opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas. It will give the Session, with the help of trained interpreters from our presbytery, significant evidence-based information to help it as it seeks to discern important next steps for our congregation. But it will only be a helpful tool if we get a broad range of Warner members and friends to take the online survey.

We will be announcing soon when you can take the survey and you will be given a link to access it. For those who don't 'do computers,' efforts will be made to enable you to participate as well. It won't be one person nailing 95 ideas on the church door this time. I hope it will be a whole bunch of people sharing their thoughts and ideas to get a lot of informed discussion started as we seek to discern what God has in store for us.

More info to come,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT TO HELP MUM'S FOOD PANTRY**

On **Saturday, May 14**, Mid-County United Ministries (MUM) of Wheaton will be collecting and sorting its biggest food donation of the year at Albert Einstein High School in Kensington. MUM, an independent nonprofit ([www.mumhelp.org](http://www.mumhelp.org)), is a beneficiary of the National Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. On May 14, MUM expects to receive thousands of pounds of donated food from letter carriers for its food pantry. Warner Youth are invited to help sort and pack food. We will meet at Einstein High School at 3:00 PM.

> Let Jan Moody know if you are able to help with this effort.

### **WE CELEBRATE OUR LEARNING CENTER (LCYC) ON MAY 22**

All are invited on **May 22** during the fellowship hour to recognize and honor the 55 years that the Learning Center for Young Children (LCYC) has served the Kensington community with a parent participation preschool. It takes a village to raise a child, and LCYC provides a community of support and encouragement for young families as they navigate the challenges of parenthood. LCYC is blessed with a heritage of excellent leadership. Current staff includes Director Karen Murphy, who has directed the school for 25 plus years. The staff also includes teachers, aides and co-oping parents.

Come join us in thanking Karen Murphy, along with the staff that includes: Tammy Byrne, Daniela Cestone, Diana DelGrosso, Marsy Desnoyers, June Eakin, Susan Kline, Laura Nelson, Denise Schneider, Deborah Upton, and Emily Westbrook.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016**

Calling on volunteers to help with Warner's VBS, June 27 - July 1, from 9:00 to NOON each day. If you can help for a day or two, or all week, please contact Jan Moody or Janet Tennent. The theme for this year is "Come to God's Table Where All Will Be Fed." During the week, along with Bible lessons, music, recreation, and snack, the children will prepare to present the musical,

Stone Soup, as the culminating activity on Friday. Registration and brochures for children can be picked up outside of the C.E. Office or downloaded at [www.warnermemorial.com](http://www.warnermemorial.com).

**Please note:**

*On Sunday morning, May 15 at 8:30-- Confirmation Class Breakfast with Session and welcoming of new members at 11:00 worship service*

**YOU'RE INVITED TO WARNER'S ALL-CHURCH RETREAT IN JUNE**

**“Come away with me to a quiet place,  
Apart from the world with its frantic pace,  
To pray, reflect, and seek God’s grace.  
Come away with me. Come away.”**

This text from a Mary Nelson Keithahn anthem reflects our hopes for the upcoming all church retreat at Camp Letts on **Friday evening and Saturday, June 10-11**. All God's children are invited to come and play, pray, and re-create as part of God's amazing creation. Schedule for the retreat includes a Friday night camp fire with a sing-a-long and s'mores and Saturday morning outdoor worship, and optional activities including canoeing, swimming, hiking, or finding a quiet spot to read and relax.

Reserve your space by signing up during fellowship hour on Sundays. Cost: \$60 for Friday evening through Saturday (no more than \$120 per family) or \$40 for Saturday only.

> Camp Letts is located at 4003 Camp Letts Road,  
Edgewater, Maryland 21037.

## COMMUNITY

### **NEWS FROM WARNER'S COMMISSION TO THE COMMUNITY**

The Commission to the Community administers that part of Warner's annual budget which is given to make a difference in the world, both locally and around the world. In March, we sent \$350 each to Cornerstone Montgomery and to The Salvation Army. Here is a little information, gleaned from the Internet, about these organizations that we support on Warner's behalf:

Cornerstone Montgomery works to empower "people living with mental health and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders to live, work and integrate successfully in the community."

At various places in Montgomery County they offer psychiatric rehabilitation, residential rehabilitation, assistance in finding and keeping jobs, and other relevant types of help.

The Salvation Army is well-known for providing various services to the needy. Every year we contribute to their Summer Camp Program, so that young people from the inner city can spend some time in a place for refreshment and learning. Children from the DC area go to "Camp Happyland" in rural Virginia, where they can sing, dance, and play under the supervision of the Salvation Army staff.

In addition, we have recently made use of the Centennial Fund to aid refugees from the war in Syria. The Centennial Fund was established for Warner's 100th birthday, to be invested and to provide funds from the accrued interest for needs as they arose. In March, we sent \$1,000 from this fund to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), for use in helping refugees from the Syrian war. PDA works with an alliance of other ecumenical partners who are providing relief to refugees in neighboring countries and to internally displaced Syrians. PDA has also been providing direct assistance to its mission partner, the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), which is providing relief and care to many afflicted by the war.

-- Cory Atwood, for the Commission

## UPDATE ON ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Gifts for this spring's offering have continued to trickle in, even after Easter. Our final total this year

for the One Great Hour of Sharing is \$2,607. For context, this is a little more than was received in each of the three previous years. Thank you, everyone! This money will go in its entirety to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of Peoples Program.



### THANKS FOR YOUR "TWO CENTS-A-MEAL" GIFTS

On Sunday, April 17, we counted \$162.50 in coins, paper money and checks for the monthly Two Cents - a - Meal offering. Of that, 40% will go to the Shepherd's Table program, which feeds many people in the Silver Spring area who have little or no steady income sources.

Using your donations on the third Sunday of every month, Warner's Two Cents-a-Meal program contributes to hunger relief nearby and the larger world community. Please remember to bring in your coins and dollars on **May 15**. Thanks to all Warner members and friends who donate to this effort!

– Ann Rakow

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

### **SPACE AVAILABLE HERE IN OUR BUILDING**

We are seeking to make use of the second floor (top level) to help cover our costs of running the building. Two rooms are available for exclusive use as office space by a non-profit, or on an occasional regular basis as shared space. For exclusive use, the group must be certified as religious, educational, or charitable by the State of Maryland. Please spread the word to help find a tenant whose purpose aligns with our ministries.

Contact June Eakin or Rev. Hill (church office: 301-949-2900) for more information.

**The Commission to the Community**

**invites the congregation to hear**

**SUNDAY SPEAKERS**

During 2016 we are arranging to have several expert speakers address topics that are of interest to all who seek to live out God's purpose for His kingdom. Our first speaker will be our own Barbara Shaw, whose commitment to the environment and whose vision for our church grounds are already evident as our new landscaping makes Warner attractive to all who pass by. Eventually some may even chose to come in and join us. But our setting is becoming so much more than beautiful! In addition, the plantings, the design, the environment we will nurture are all earth friendly!

So ....

All you've wanted to know about our landscaping, but didn't know whom to ask. Come to hear Barbara Shaw

**Sunday, May 22**

**In the Library**

**Immediately following Fellowship Hour**

*[Following Barbara's presentation, Commission members will have a short business meeting.]*

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Warner's Board of Deacons held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 25, in the Common Room. We confirmed Saturday, **May 14**, as the date for the annual drive to collect food at the Kensington Safeway store for Manna's "Smart Sacks" program. This program, sponsored by the Manna Food Center in Rockville, helps school children (from low-income families) by providing nourishing food for them during the day and on weekends. *Look for Warner deacon representatives at Safeway on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as we collect food from willing shoppers.* – Submitted by Tiff Carroll for the Board of Deacons

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.

### **WARNER'S LEARNING CENTER ACCEPTING FALL 2016 APPLICATIONS**

The Learning Center for Young Children (LCYC) here at our church is accepting applications for enrollment in the 2016-17 school year. LCYC is our play-based, co-operative preschool for children ages 18 months to four years. Enrollment forms are available in the brochure racks in the church hallways. For more information, visit our website -- ([warnermemorial.org](http://warnermemorial.org)) or call the LCYC office (301-949-2933).

### **LIBRARY NEWS – COME TO OUR BOOK TALK ON SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Are children inherently spiritual, interconnected, and empathetic? What is spirituality? In [The Spiritual Child](#), a non-fiction bestseller, Dr. Lisa Miller argues that children are born with a natural spirituality and that parents, educators and communities bear a responsibility to develop and support this in order to protect children from depression, drug use, and mental illness, and to help them become more compassionate adults.

If you are interested in children, community, education, mental health or spirituality, come to our "Book Talk" after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 15, sponsored by the Library Committee. Susan Bresee will critique Dr. Miller's book and its arguments and evidence. All are welcome. Remember to pick up your refreshments and then proceed to the library to hear Susan's talk on the spiritual child. Stay posted for future "talks" and events. – Submitted by Marie Rosche

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

**WALK 'N' RIDE SUNDAY IS MAY 22 ;**

### **HOW WILL YOU GET TO CHURCH ?**

The Warner Environmental Stewardship Team invites you to try an alternative form of transportation to get to church on May 22, designated "Walk 'n' Ride Sunday." Try walking, carpooling, biking, taking the bus, or any other alternative to driving as usual.

### **SUPPORTING SHEPHERD'S GARDEN**

Much gratitude is due to the Warner Walkers, our young adult group, who installed a new fence for our vegetable garden to keep out the deer and bunnies. Part of the cost of materials was funded by a grant from National Capital Presbytery, and some by individual donors.

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. Other tasks include weeding, planting, and harvesting. This work goes on April - October, with May being the peak need when establishing young plants. *Contact June (301- 3873-4794) if you will be "on call" as a garden helper. Young people can earn SSL hours.*

Get inspired by examples of earth care by our members who:

- bring kitchen plant waste from home to our garden compost bin
- plant trees on their property (obtained for free)
- buy renewable energy credits
- buy food through [HungryHarvest.net](http://HungryHarvest.net)

- send their plant waste to Compost Cab
- grow vegetables in their yard and shared gardens
- invest in socially responsible mutual funds
- use mass transit or walk instead of driving

Tell the MEMO what you are doing to inspire others!

### **A PRAYER FOR GOD'S EARTHLY REALM:**

God of creation,

We offer this prayer in celebration of earth – your realm – and in thanks for its abundance. We are blessed every day with many benefits provided by your air, land and waters.

We are kin to the other creatures we observe. We are brother and sister to the cardinal, hawk, jay and snowy owl. Even the salamander chirps and clicks its greeting to us. We give thanks for plants, especially trees – and all that provide oxygen.

We pray for ways that we can conserve, protect, and preserve precious resources. Continue your guidance, which lights our path into days of cleaner air and water, and richer soil.

We pray these thoughts in the name of Jesus and the Spirit who saves!

- Amen

#### **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.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



### WHAT WE ARE “ABOUT” – INCLUDING THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING !

Do you think that Presbyterian Women are retired, knit baby blankets, roll bandages, prepare cookies to enjoy after worship, and wear sensible shoes? While some of this may be true for some of us, these attributes certainly do not reflect what we are truly all about. If you have read our annual report, attended our annual meetings, or read our monthly MEMO articles, you are likely familiar with our varied activities.

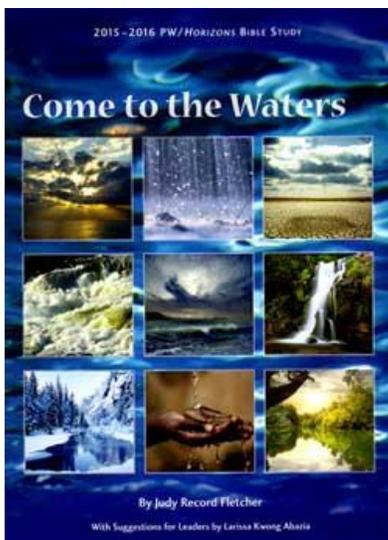
One of these activities is the **annual PW Birthday Offering** that started many years ago with women contributing a penny for every year of age to mission. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering and Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world. **In the paper edition of this MEMO there is an envelope** that you may bring or mail to church to make a donation, regardless of your gender, that will go toward attaining the \$500,000 goal for the 2016 offering. Your donation provides grants across the country and internationally to -- serve boys and girls ages 11 to 17 who have been a part of the criminal justice system in Overland Park, Kansas; train individuals to build local justice ministries in Miami, FL; partner with more than 100 individuals and families to repair their manufactured homes in California through Habitat for Humanity; increase access to education for girls in the Republic of South Sudan, where the literacy rate is among the lowest in the world.



Join us on May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall for a celebratory birthday cake during Fellowship Hour! We will collect the Birthday Offering throughout May; envelopes are available at the PW bulletin board.

## **COLLECTION BIN FOR RAINBOW PLACE IN HALLWAY (NEAR C.E. OFFICE)**

PW supports Rainbow Place (the women's shelter in Rockville Presbyterian Church) year 'round. Clients come to Rockville Presbyterian throughout the year seeking help. There is a black collection bin in our church hallway to receive toiletries and feminine hygiene products, which will be delivered to Rainbow Place periodically.



### **JOY CIRCLE**

Joy Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in the church library to cover Chapter 8, in the Horizons Bible study, "**Come to the Waters.**" All are welcome to join the discussion.

Lesson leader: June Eakin; Hostess: TBD.

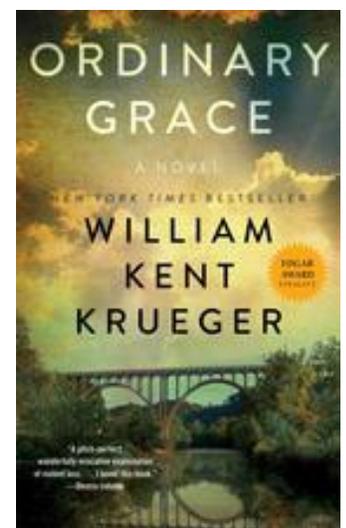
### **REFLECTIONS CIRCLE**

Reflections Circle will meet **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 a.m. in the Trinity Room. The Bible study follows Horizons Bible study, "**Come to the Waters.**" For more information, contact Lora McGlade.

## **BOOK GROUP MEETS FRIDAY, MAY 27**

The book for May is Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. We'll meet on **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** Place is TBD; Lisa Smeallie will lead the discussion.

WINNER OF THE 2014 EDGAR AWARD FOR BEST NOVEL, WINNER OF THE 2014 DILYS AWARD, A SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOK OF 2013.



*A grace so ordinary there was no reason at all to remember it. Yet I have never across the forty years since it was spoken forgotten a single word.*” New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum, it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms.

When tragedy unexpectedly strikes Frank’s family, he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years. Told from Frank’s perspective 40 years after that fateful summer, *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

### **PLEASE WEAR ORANGE ON MAY 25TH**

The United Nations Secretary-General’s Campaign UNiTE to End Violence against Women has proclaimed the 25th of each month as ‘Orange Day’, a day to raise awareness and take action against violence against women and girls. As a bright and optimistic color, orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls, for the UNiTE Campaign. Orange Day calls upon activists, governments and UN partners to mobilize people and highlight issues relevant to preventing and ending violence against women and girls. On the Internet, visit: [www.un.org/en/women/endviolence](http://www.un.org/en/women/endviolence).

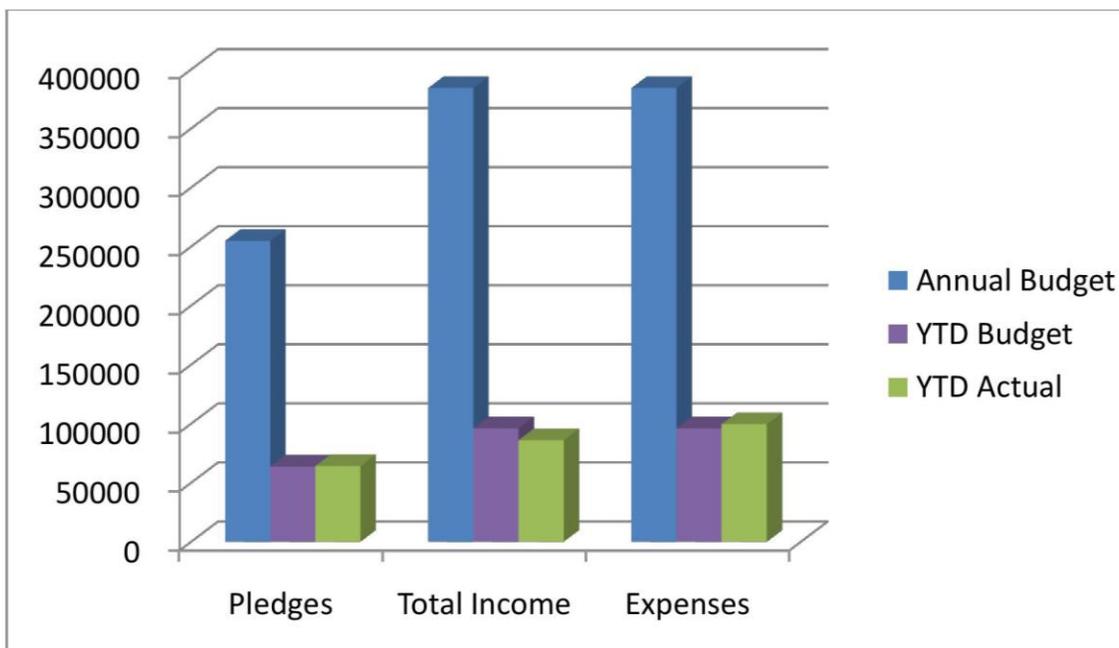
### **COMING UP:**

- **Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering, June 9-12**, Harrisonburg, Virginia, where you can meet up with mission-minded women and delve into workshops from crafting to leadership to current mission ministries, plus spiritual nurture, singing and a natural environment. A Late Fee applies after May 17. Find a brochure by visiting: <http://www.presbyterianwomenncp.org>
  - **Afternoon Tea at Warner, On July 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the Warner Presbyterian Women will be hosting a tea party in the Social Hall. Save the date and stay tuned for more information.
- > The next PW Coordinating Team meeting is currently scheduled for **10:30 am, Saturday, June 4** at church – ad hoc attendees are most welcome!

# ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE—STEWARDSHIP

## Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church Budget Performance through March 2016

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Pledges	254783	63696	64160	464
Total Income	384283	96071	86079	(9992)
Expenses	384283	96071	99603	3532
Net Income(Loss)	0	0	(13524)	



> Thanks to all Warner members and friends who contribute via pledges and other methods, helping to keep our church's programs and missions vital and strong.

### NEW PLEDGE BOOKKEEPER

Sharon Allen is stepping down from bookkeeping, and Brad Hill is taking that position. JoEllen LaPrade has been doing bookkeeping alongside Sharon for the past year or so, and now JoEllen and Brad can assist you with any questions or concerns you may have about your pledges and offerings. Thank you, to Brad and JoEllen! -- Sharon Allen

## WARNER PEOPLE

### **DRIVERS NEEDED (STILL OPEN) FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

As we mentioned in recent issues of the *MEMO*, the Warner Board of Deacons is looking for people who would be willing to provide transportation on an occasional basis for those homebound folk who need rides to Sunday services. If you are interested, please contact any deacon or the church office at (301) 949-2900.

### **A STEPHEN MINISTER CAN HELP YOU**

There are times when God's love is especially precious to us – for example, when we are seriously ill, or we lose a loved one. For someone who will listen and help you (in strict confidence) find the spiritual resources to get through a tough time, call the Stephen Ministry leader Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or call Rev. Hill at the church office.



### **WE HAVE ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE NEWLY PRINTED DIRECTORY:**

➤ **Betty Sickinger**

3160 Gracefield Road, Apt. RC1427

Silver Spring, MD 20904

- Please add to Catharine Burke's new address (in Gaithersburg), her apartment number : 102.

*If you have not yet picked up a new directory, please do so. They are outside the Christian Education office. Please take one directory per household. Thank you!*

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Beth Kuzmyak, Mary Hancock
- 5 Ferdinand Addo
- 7 Carl Adams, Beatrice Winter
- 8 Paul Magee, George Bocchetti, Charlotte Cook
- 11 Barbara Shaw
- 16 Isabelle Merl
- 17 Elizabeth Fulton
- 18 Lisa Saltzman, Michael Simenauer
- 19 Brady Heafitz
- 22 Barbara Jaquette, Alec Burns
- 23 Aliyah Brammer
- 25 George Kleinguenther, Taylor Bragg
- 25 Marc Henri Winter
- 26 Erin Frager
- 28 Sarah Whiteman, Rohan Puri
- 30 Charlotte Jackson
- 31 Alan Schroeder

## **NEXT MEMO ISSUE**

Please note that the deadline for submitting articles and notices for the June 2016 *MEMO* will be **Friday, May 20**.

To all 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). Thanks!

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