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THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DEVOTION



DEDICATION



DELIGHT

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIPING TOGETHER

IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 2

All Saints' Sunday
Communion

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
“Burdensome or Buoyant?”

Sunday, November 9

Pledge Dedication Sunday
John 21:15-17; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
“Devotion, Dedication, Delight”

Sunday, November 16

Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
“Belonging to the Day”

Sunday, November 23

Reign of Christ Sunday
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
“Royalty?”

Tuesday, November 25 — 7:30 p.m.

Warner hosts Thanksgiving service
for the Kensington/North Chevy Chase
interfaith community

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
“Waiting for the Revelation:
How our waiting for God can be
instructive.”

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday 1 Return to standard time—
Set clocks back one hour

Sunday 9 All-Saints Sunday;
Flower Arranging Demonstration
(following the worship service)

Sunday 16 PW Annual Meeting (Following
the worship service)

Friday 21 “Parents’ Night Out”

Sunday 23, after worship: Harvest Brunch
(following the worship service)

Tuesday 25 at 7:30 p.m. Kensington
Community Worship at Warner

Thursday 27 Thanksgiving Day

Sunday 30 First Sunday of Advent

On Sunday, November 23, Warner celebrates the season with a “Harvest Brunch” in the Social Hall following worship. All are welcome to enjoy food and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors to our brunch!

* Our cover art – by Barbara Shaw – expresses this year’s Stewardship theme at Warner Memorial. See more in articles on following pages.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

Our stewardship team chose as our annual theme, “Devotion, Dedication, Delight.” These were descriptions of the subject matter found in 2 Corinthians 9: 7, 11: “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.” The graphic designs for each of the three words indicate diverse people working together, centered in love, seeking to live out our devotion for God, our dedication to God, and our delight in God.

When you give to Warner’s life and ministry, it not only supports worship, pastoral care, education, fellowship and outreach ministries, it also supports compassionate ministries nearby and around the world, including nutrition ministry in Congo, programming for street children in Brazil, and agricultural development in Haiti. We feed people nearby who come here for assistance and we support a number of feeding programs with packaged food, monetary gifts, and vegetables from our garden.

We will be hosting the Kensington area interfaith Thanksgiving service later this month, the primary time when people of faith gather in our community. But there is reason for gratitude each and every day through what a generous congregation enables through its giving of volunteer hours and financial gifts. May the coming year truly be a year of growth in our devotion for God, dedication to God, and delight in God.

With joy and anticipation,
Kirby Lawrence Hill

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR – PETER SMEALLIE

The Session has approved the music director search committee’s recommendation that Peter Smeallie be hired as our new music director. Peter had been serving as our interim director, but was chosen from among the candidates to be given the more permanent job. Many know Peter from his and his family’s active

involvement in the congregation, but not everyone knows his extensive experience in music direction. He has bachelor and master degrees in music education. He has years of experience directing high school choruses and is currently director of the chorus at Einstein High School. He was director of music for a church in the Atlanta area for five years and he was associate music director here at Warner

from 1990 to 2002. We are delighted that Peter will be serving in this capacity. Our search for a permanent organist is just beginning. Please be in prayer for the search team.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction work to build the elevator tower, put in the accessible restroom, update the fire safety for the building, and add insulation for the sanctuary, has been virtually completed except for the punch list of small items that Brown Construction will be addressing to finish out the work. With diligent oversight, the work came in slightly under budget. With continued support from those who continue to give to the capital campaign through 2015, and with the prospect of selling a portion of the grassy lot on Prospect Street, it is anticipated that Warner will be able to pay off its loan by the end of 2015. We are thankful for the generous gifts of time and money that have enabled the congregation to take these critical steps.

WARNER TO HOST INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOVEMBER 25

Each year one of the Kensington congregations hosts the community Thanksgiving service. It was Warner's 'turn' last year, but with the construction going on at that time, we asked to host this year. So on **Tuesday evening, November 25, at 7:30** choirs and members from congregations in Kensington and North Chevy Chase will be here to express our gratitude unto God for many

blessings. It will be a service with much singing. As the host congregation, we hope many from Warner will be here to help us to welcome our community friends. We will also be putting together the reception to follow in our social hall (if you would like to help provide food or labor for that event, please call the church office).

THANKS FOR WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS

A variety of jobs were completed in association with work day. We are glad for painting that took place on the ground level. An outside group that uses our social hall on a regular basis is providing free labor to paint that room for us. Be sure to notice how things are continuing to get spruced up around here.

TREE--A MEMORIAL TO BOB NESS

Bob Ness's family provided a gift that enabled the church to cut down a maple tree outside the sanctuary that was dying and to purchase a new maple tree that has now been planted there. We are thankful for this new beautiful reminder of Bob Ness that will add to the beauty of our church yard for years to come.

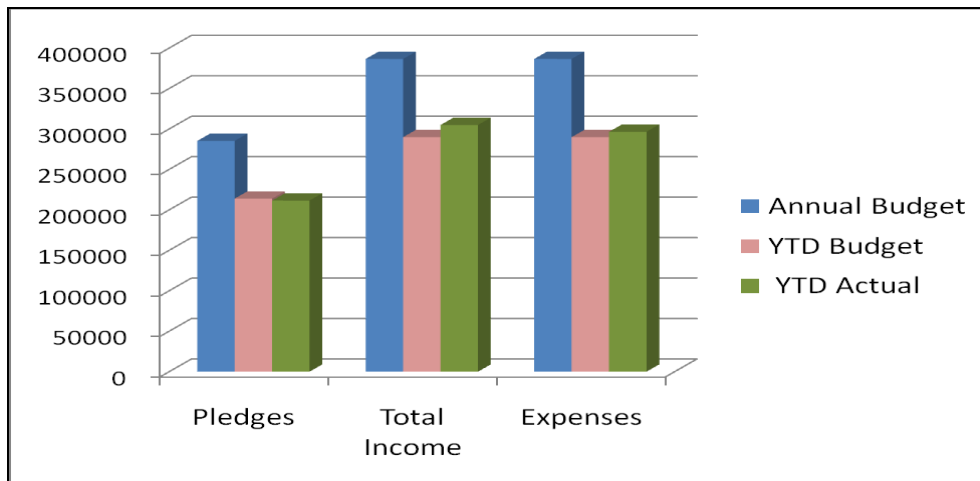
WARNER RECEIVES A BEQUEST

A gift of \$10,000 from the estate of Colvin Gibson was gratefully received recently. The Session has not yet determined how these funds will be used, but they are greatly needed, and are a fitting reminder of Colvin's generous heart.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

WMPC FINANCES YEAR-TO-DATE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over(Under) Budget
Pledges	285,230	213,922	211,487	(2,435)
Total Income	386,555	289,916	304,959	15,043
Expenses	386,555	289,916	296,548	6,632
Net Income (Loss)		289,916	8,411	



* During this season of harvest and thanksgiving (and stewardship), your Warner Memorial Administration & Finance Commission gives thanks to all members and friends of the church who continue to support our various ministries and programs. Thanks to you, we continue as a vital church – here in this community, and far and wide.

“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.” 2 Corinthians 8:12

THIRD-QUARTER STATEMENTS

Third-quarter statements have been printed for folks who made a pledge. If you did not receive a statement and would like to have one, I can have one available for you. In the future, you have an option of receiving your statement in your e-mail. If you would like to stop receiving printed statements, please let me know. This is an opportunity for you to see if there are any errors in my reporting. Please look over your statement and let me know if your pledge information needs tweaking.

Thanks.

Sharon Allen

STEWARDSHIP

A NEW MEMBER'S REFLECTIONS ON WARNER MEMORIAL

I wanted to mention first how thankful I am to Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church. Everyone was so welcoming and made me feel comfortable. Even though I was still learning about my faith with God, there was an awakening in my heart to follow the word of the Lord with the congregation. After confirming Jesus Christ I became a member of the church which helped to restore myself spiritually. I am so grateful to be a member of the church.

Restoring faith in our lives can be challenging but I saw that building a relationship with God is not so difficult. As long as we feel that God is with us then it can be the most wonderful gift that a person could ever receive. Praying not only confirms faith in our relationship with God but it gives us peace. I realized all this after becoming a member of Warner and wanted to dedicate my life to God. Helping others can really connect them and yourself to the Lord. I feel that God will lead the way in dedicating our lives to others as we devote ourselves faithfully.

Susie Sun

The following is paraphrased from the letter sent in October to all Warner members and friends from our 2014 Stewardship Campaign Committee (Ted Rosche, Alan Schroeder, Barbara Shaw and Susie Sun):

Our Stewardship theme this year, "Devotion, Dedication and Delight," suggests that through devotion and dedication, we can experience God's delight in our lives. We of Warner Memorial have achieved much in the past 12 months, including construction of the new elevator and tower entrance, safety/handicapped access improvements, and renovations – all while continuing our year-round programs and mission projects.

We are called by God to be good stewards of the bountiful blessings that we receive. Our hopes for 2015 include continuing support for the well-being of the congregation, along with the acts of love and service to others that Warner performs during the course of the year. **Pledge Sunday is November 9; we look forward to your 2015 commitment to continue the good works of this church.**



COMMUNITY

KEEP THOSE SHOES COMING IN!

So far we have collected and delivered over 110 pairs of shoes, boots, slippers and flip-flops. For every 2,500 pairs donated (any condition) Rukundo International will receive \$1,000 toward their program supporting school children in Uganda. The shoes are distributed to people in need around the world, and also are prevented from creating hazardous materials in landfills. **At Warner, the last collection day is Sunday, November 9. Please leave your shoes in bags on the Social Hall stage.**

Thanks for your contributions! -- Kay Gorman



FARMERS AND HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

For the past several years, the Commission to the Community has chosen to provide the local share of the 2-cents-a-meal offering to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH). FHFH is a Christian ministry headquartered out of Williamsport, MD.

While started locally, FHFH has expanded its ministry to provide food to the needy nationwide.



With the growing number of deer and other big game in America, crop and property damage permits are being issued to farmers, airports, military installations and agricultural facilities. Many of these deer and other big game are being discarded. In addition, liberal bag limits and extended seasons are putting hunters in the position of being able to harvest more deer and other big game than they can personally consume. Farmers and hunters deliver the harvested surplus deer and other big game to participating meat processors in each county. Donations from churches, clubs, businesses and

individuals cover the costs of processing, packaging and freezing the meat. The frozen meat is then available free of cost for pick-up by a nearby food bank or feeding program. This nutritious, low fat, high protein meat is then distributed and/or cooked by hundreds of community agencies such as: church pantries, church feeding ministries, Salvation Army, community food banks, etc.

Since 1997, hunters and farmers have donated slightly more than 606 tons of meat, resulting in over 4.8 million meals being served to needy people. So far in the 2014-2015 season alone over 110 deer, elk, or livestock have been donated, yielding 5,500 pounds of meat and serving 22,000 meals.

FHFH recently received these notes of appreciation for donating venison to feed the hungry in their Maryland communities:

“My husband and I are volunteers at St. Mary’s Caring Soup Kitchen, Lexington Park, MD. We are very blessed to serve venison every Friday for lunch (except during Lent). THANK YOU FHFH!

~ Sharon A. Chadwick

“To each of you - Our sincere thanks for the overwhelming large amount of venison brought into our St. Mary’s County. Our “Loves and Fishes” ministry at First Saints Community Church at St. Paul’s in Leonardtown was a recipient. Many lives are touched and the venison was welcomed and enjoyed by those who come for a meal. We are truly grateful for this loving donation you made to this worthy cause of helping those in our community who are less fortunate. May

God truly bless each of you today and always.

~ Alice Lavender, Secretary

The Commission to Community is proud to continue our support of FHFH. You can learn more or donate at www.fhfh.org, or for Federal employees, they are CFC#10308.

Submitted by Mark Eakin

PEACEMAKING OFFERING REPORT

With gratitude to all who have taken action to join PC (USA)'s effort to create a Season of Peace in this turbulent world, we report that to date \$890.00 has been received for the Peacemaking Special Offering of 2014. The opportunity for you to make a financial contribution continues throughout the month of October. Thank you for your prayers for peace throughout the year.

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every day of the week, you can help feed low-income adults and children in our community. Please remember to fill the big barrel with the sign: **“For I was hungry. . .”** in our narthex by bringing cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the Mid-county United Ministries (MUM) pantry in Wheaton.

On the third Sunday of each month, we collect the **“2 Cents – a – Meal”** offering, which benefits hunger relief programs locally, plus nationwide and overseas through our Presbyterian denomination.

OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

SIMPLER FOOD FARE FOR “SIMPLE SUNDAY”

To help appreciate our blessings and to keep in mind those folks who don’t enjoy so much bounty, Warner Memorial has made the **third Sunday fellowship time** following worship a simpler affair, with light snacks and beverages instead of the rather full meal that we’ve been enjoying. **Emphasis on the third Sunday in November (and in coming months) will be on hunger relief programs, including the food barrel for MUM and the Two Cents-a-Meal offering.**

BOARD OF DEACONS

HELP WANTED!

The deacons are still in need of Warnerites who would be interested in assisting us with the delivery of flowers from the Sunday service to homebound members and friends. We are fewer in number this year on the board, so any help you can give on an occasional basis would be appreciated. This is a great way to get to know our homebound folks, and all of the deacons agree it is a rewarding experience. It is great for former deacons but you do not have to be a former deacon to help. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Bunn: (cell) 301-237-3121 (or e-mail): dollface0320@gmail.com or any current deacon.

RAINBOW PLACE SIGN-UP

On Saturday evenings in November, the deacons are once again coordinating the



preparation and serving of dinners at Rainbow Place women's shelter in Rockville. Be the first in your pew to sign-up to either prepare a dish or to serve on any of the five Saturday evenings. The sign-up board is located in the hallway near the church office. The ladies at Rainbow Place prefer simple fare and always say how much they enjoy the food from Warner. Don't miss this opportunity to assist those in need.

THE DEACONS FUND AT-WORK

Did you know that each month from the Deacons Fund, we purchase grocery cards that the church office distributes to those in need who come to Warner seeking assistance? Next month the deacons will be purchasing supplies, assembling and delivering Christmas baskets to bring a little holiday cheer to those folk who are unable to attend church activities.

Stay tuned to the December MEMO for updates on our activities.

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

You can 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT” RESUMES – NEXT GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 21

On Oct. 24, the Christian Education hosted a Parents' Night Out for children, aged three to ten. Nine children from three LCYC families and one Warner Church family gathered in Room Four for a meal, crafts, and to watch the video Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin. Adult leaders for the evening included Janet Tennent, Tiff Carroll, and Jan Moody. **The next Parents' Night Out is scheduled for November 21.**



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

On November 15, from 3:00 pm until 5:30 pm, Warner Memorial will host a workshop designed for youth in grades 6th through 12th, entitled “The Story of Stuff”. The workshop will be led by The Interfaith Youth for Climate Justice. We will focus on how to minimize consumption and waste. Supper will follow the workshop. To reserve a space, call the church office.

On November 22, Warner youth are invited to help serve the women of Rainbow Place. Contact Jan Moody if you are able to participate.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A BUSY MONTH FOR PW!



FALL RETREAT

Bon Secours Retreat center was the site of the fall women's retreat on September 27th, where fifteen women gathered for reflection, fellowship and time away together. We stretched our spirits, minds, and bodies through a worship led by June and Nancy, a time of learning and practicing mindfulness led by Barbara J. and afternoon time of Svaroop yoga led by Susan Luff. Some of us discovered ways to move we had not thought possible in years! A beautiful fall morning resulted in a restful and rejuvenating day. Thanks to all who attended and all who played leading roles in this retreat. A videorecording of some of the day is available upon request, just contact Lisa Smeallie.

2014 THANK OFFERING IN NOVEMBER

The PW Thank Offering collected in the fall of each year gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. The offering funds projects offering aid for: agricultural development, childcare, community organization, drug counseling, legal help, elder-care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns. At least 40% of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world, while the remaining 60% funds new creative ideas for mission.. Thanks to your generous giving to the 2013 Thank Offering, 30 projects (17 national and 13 international) will receive grants totaling \$699,125, allowing them to improve the lives of women, children and men in need. The recipients will provide an array of services in their communities—a reading program for children in Phoenix, clean water in India, transportation for refugee families in Nashville, and a pig farming program that will provide income for women in Congo, and much more.



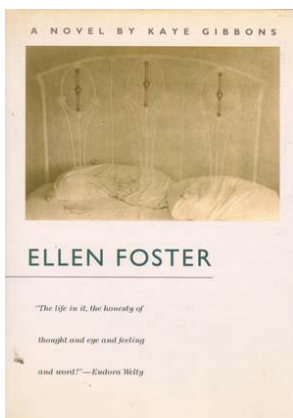
Warner PW will begin collecting for the 2014 Thank Offering on November 2nd at that day's Fellowship Hour, offering envelopes are available at Fellowship Hour and on the PW bulletin board. We plan to collect your contributions throughout the month of November. The goal for the 2014 Thank Offering is \$900,000. Thank you in advance for your participation this year.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

Pick up a few comestibles at Fellowship Hour, and bring them to the PW Annual Meeting following worship on November 16th. The agenda for our meeting will include PW officer elections for Treasurer, review and approval of the 2015 PW budget followed by a personal and interesting program about PW history at Warner. Hear about the origins of the P.M.S. gals!

JOY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Second Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the church library – Talk about your Uppity Women of the Bible! October's video lesson continued our study of Judith: lies, murder, and heroic rescue are all in this dramatic allegory depicted in the Apocryphal book of the same name. *We will conclude the video and our discussion on November 11th.*



PW BOOK GROUP

We will meet Friday, November 21st to discuss *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons. This novel, readily available at the public library, follows the story of Ellen, a young white American girl living under unfavorable conditions somewhere in the rural South, in the 1970's. It was a selection of Oprah's Book Club in October 1997. Topics in the book

include racial identities, role of family, determination, and materialism. You are welcome to join the club, whether or not you read the book!



The carols of Christmas touch our hearts in ways beyond any other music – reminding us of our past, bringing joy to our present, and promising hope for our future. This year PW is selling two different *Legacy Christmas* music CDs: *Treasured Carols from the Kirk* and *Nativity Carols and Hymns*. In addition to carrying on the Presbyterian legacy of Celtic-influenced music, these albums are a way of continuing the legacy of giving started by Presbyterian Women. Proceeds from the sales will benefit both Living Waters for the World and PW. **On November 23rd at the Harvest Brunch, the PW will offer a gift fair that includes the CDs, Thai handicrafts, coffee, chocolate, greeting cards and alternative gift opportunities from the Commission to the Community.** Will you help us with set up, packing up or selling at the tables? Contact June Eakin or the church office to volunteer. See the PW bulletin board for more about the Legacy Christmas albums.

WARNER PEOPLE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ina Rae Kramer, Lois Buitano
- 4 Harold Shaw
- 6 Madalena Aspiras
- 8 Laura Avery
- 9 Thomas Bocchetti
- 10 Susan Bates
- 11 Ajay Soni
- 15 Marie Rosché
- 18 Shane Gillette
- 19 Karen Murphy, Jeffery Simenauer
- 20 Ruth McMichael, Sheldon Butts, David Daugherty
- 22 Steven Kline
- 25 Kenyon Kramer
- 26 Simon Winter
- 27 Bill Kirchhoff, Peter McGrath
- 27 Shannon Stalker
- 28 Simran Puri
- 30 Frances Stambaugh

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A “THANK YOU” NOTE FROM DEANNA CAMPBELL AND DAVID SCHROEDER

Dear Church Members,

David and I arrived home [in Oregon] from our long and adventurous trip. We want to thank all of you for keeping us on your prayer list for so long. Now that we are home safely, your many prayers can help others.

Thank you,
Deanna and David

[Note: The couple went around the world by hiking, flying, etc.]

POTLUCK GROUP MEETS AT THE KOCHS' IN NOVEMBER

The Warner Potluck Group meets at the home of Louise and Bob Koch at **7:00 pm on Saturday, November 15**. To find out more, please call Ben or Susan Fulton (301-949-0691). New faces are always welcome.



STEPHEN MINISTRY PROVIDES COMFORT AND SOLACE

Caring communication with others is a basic human need. Stephen Ministers can help meet that need. For a confidential and listening ear, or to find out more about the Stephen Ministry program, please speak to Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or Rev. Hill at church (301-949-2900).

DECEMBER MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the December Warner MEMO **by Thursday, November 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.

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