

November 2015

THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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[November Calendar](#)

WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day--Communion

Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Mark 12:28-34

“Why Two?”

Sunday, November 8

1 Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44

“Two Whys”

Sunday, November 15

2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Psalm 116:12-19

“What Shall We Render to the Lord?”

Sunday, November 22

Reign of Christ Sunday

Revelation 1:4-6; John 18:33-38a

“Not From Here”

Tuesday, November 24

Community Thanksgiving Service

North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 7:30 p.m.

Community



***Thanksgiving
Service***

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

“Abounding in Love, Strengthened in Holiness”

Every day of the year, you can help Mid-County United Ministries' (M.U.M.) food pantry in Wheaton by bringing in cans and packages of non-perishable food for our barrel in the church narthex. Currently, M.U.M. needs 1 lb. bags of rice especially. Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

Here are **ten reasons to refuse to give generously to Warner Memorial:**

- If you think God does not use human partners anymore.
- If God has not done much for you and your loved ones.
- If it would be o.k. for the church to use the money it receives to just focus on its own needs and not give to those who are in great need, so Warner doesn't need as much money.
- If you think God is finished using Warner.
- If you think there is not inspirational stuff going on at and through Warner.
- If you think God doesn't love you.
- If you think what you give doesn't matter to God.
- If you don't want to be a generous or compassionate person.
- If you don't want to be a part of something bigger than yourself.
- If you think giving of oneself is not an important part of being a follower of Jesus.

If none of those are true for you, then perhaps you will realize there are many reasons to give generously to Warner's life and ministry. Are you ready to respond to the question our Stewardship Campaign asks from Psalm 116:12 – ***“What shall I render or return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?”***

You will be receiving a pledge card in the mail in the next number of days. For God's sake, for your sake, for Warner's sake, for the sake of all who are touched by Warner's ministry, please pledge and give as generously as you are able. Warning: if you want to generate your list of reasons to give generously to Warner, you might be writing for a long time.

With gratitude for every act of generosity from or inspired by God,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

UPCOMING “PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT”

Essential ingredients for a great Parents' Night Out (PNO) include:

- ✓ Lots of children (10 children, ranging in age from 3 to 10)
- ✓ Parents who need a night out (8 parents)
- ✓ Excellent support staff (2 adults, 1 teen)
- ✓ Fun theme: (adaptation of folk tale *Stone Soup*)



Put it all together and you have a wonderful evening.

The next PNO is **Thursday, November 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** To sign up, contact, Jan Moody: jdmooddy3@gmail.com

WORSHIP & MUSIC

THE LORD’S PRAYER

In October, we celebrated Worldwide Communion. During that annual service, we use the ecumenical form of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a little different from the regular version we have used over the years, and many of us need to read it so we don’t stumble.

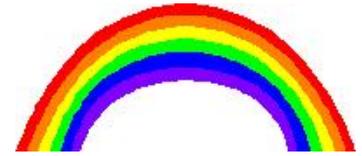
A few years ago, the Worship and Music Commission looked carefully at the use of the ecumenical form of the Lord’s Prayer, wondering whether or not we should use it all of the time. After listening to many viewpoints, the Commission recommended that we use this form on the first Sunday of the month, when we share communion together. This is a way to remind ourselves on a regular basis that we are united with Christians all over the world, all of the time, as well as on Worldwide Communion Sunday.

--Kay Gorman

BOARD OF DEACONS

FALL HAPPENINGS

HELP WANTED! Do you like to cook or bake? Do you like to help others? If you answered yes to either or both of these questions, then the deacons are in need of your skills in assisting them on Saturday evenings in November in preparing and serving dinners for Rainbow Place, a women's shelter located at Rockville Presbyterian Church. The ladies at the shelter always say how much they LOVE the food brought by Warnerites. Have you always wanted to prepare some food, but have hesitated signing-up because you were uncertain what to bring? The ladies prefer simple fare...ham, pasta, simple tossed salads, etc. If you are interested in either serving or preparing a dish, please see the sign-up chart near Warner's office. BE THE FIRST IN YOUR PEW to sign-up. You will be glad you did.



“DEACONS FUND” SUPPORT



DID YOU KNOW that the DEACONS FUND is collected on the first Sunday of every month? Did you also know that the deacons do not receive monies from the church operating budget? We rely entirely on contributions from Warner's members and friends. Such contributions allow us to continue with our ministry of compassion to all Warnerites and to the community as well. Deacon activities such as the recent church picnic, providing grocery gift cards for folks coming to the office seeking assistance, and financial support of the Stephen Ministry program would not be possible without your help.

THANK YOU!

Later this month, the Board will be making plans for the assembly of holiday fruit baskets for our homebound members and friends.....

Stay tuned to the December MEMO for the latest news on our activities.....

Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

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.

COMMUNITY

TWO CENTS-A-MEAL

Warner's "Two Cents-a-Meal" Program continues to assist hungry people in our vicinity, nationally, and worldwide. So far this year, we have forwarded \$2,108.20 to various food programs.



PEACEMAKING OFFERING

CREATE A
WORLD OF PEACE



During October, Warner Memorial participated in PC (USA)'s Peace & Global Witness offering. Thanks to all who gave generously to that special

annual blessing. AS of the last Sunday in October, Warner members and friends contributed \$1,237.00, which goes to help struggling communities near and far afield.

SPECIAL NOTE

OUR NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP—"WARNER WALKERS"— STEPS UP WITH SERVICE PROJECTS

New this fall, several young adults in our congregation have formed a group called the "Warner Walkers," and have already begun gathering for field-trip activities and community service projects. The group devoted a Saturday evening in October to serve the homeless at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. They also enjoyed a trip to the Renaissance Fair. On Saturday, November 21, the Warner Walkers plan to prepare a dish and serve the women at Rainbow Place shelter. For more information about the group, please contact Lena Aspiras (240-271-2580).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WARNER PW ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Join us in the Common Room for our annual meeting at 12:30 p.m. After a brief business meeting we will hear from Nancy Sushinsky, the Director of the Rainbow Place Shelter. Warner Presbyterian Women have been supporting Rainbow Place women for the past two years with donations of personal hygiene products and Valentine's Day gifts, even a party in 2015!

“AUDIENCE”, “NOISES OFF”, EINSTEIN HS FALL PLAYS, NOVEMBER 5, 7, 13, & 14

Curtain time for **Audience** is expected to be 6:45 p.m. with **Noises Off** getting started by 7:30 p.m. There are options for admission to both plays, or only **Noises Off**. Please contact Sue Burns if you plan to join us.

2015 THANK OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

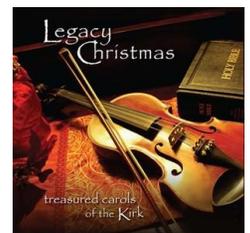
“For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for [God’s] good pleasure.” Phi. 2:13



Presbyterian women have been making grants to creative ministries through the Thank Offering since 1888, when Eliza Clokey urged each woman to give one dollar more over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society as a “thank offering to her Lord.” Their giving rescued the worldwide missionary movement at the time. Your gifts this year will aid 22 projects in the U.S. and 10 international projects. More than 40% of the projects are health ministries. See the PW bulletin board for detailed information. Please give using the Thank Offering envelope or online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.. We will collect the offering throughout November and dedicate it at the Annual Meeting.

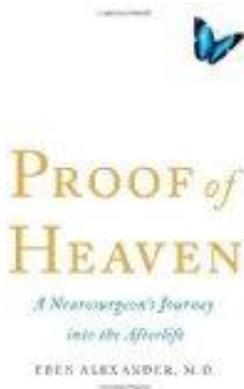
GIFT FAIR ON NOVEMBER 22

We are sponsoring a gift fair during the Harvest Brunch. Several groups at Warner will have tables selling Warner cookbooks, aprons, potholders, Equal Exchange coffee and chocolates, music CD's, and more. Justice Ventures International will have a Shop for Freedom table where you can purchase products that



help ensure freedom for women once in the sex trade. Join us after worship on Sunday, November 22 and take care of some early Christmas shopping!

PW BOOK GROUP READS, PROOF OF HEAVEN, A NEUROSURGEON'S JOURNEY INTO THE AFTERLIFE, BY DR. EBEN ALEXANDER III



“Near-death experiences”, or N.D.E.s, are controversial. Thousands of people have had them, but many in the scientific community have argued that they are impossible. Dr. Eben Alexander was one of those people. Then, Dr. Alexander’s own brain was attacked by a rare illness. This month’s book club will meet **December 4th 7:30 p.m.** at the home of June Eakin.

REGULAR MEETINGS:

JOY CIRCLE– Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. in the church library. Come to the Waters Bible Study lesson 3, study leader: Kay Gorman, Hostess: June Eakin

REFLECTIONS CIRCLE– Sunday, November 8, 9:30 a.m. in the Trinity Room. Come to the Waters Bible study lesson 2

PW COORDINATING TEAM MEETING-- Saturday, November 14, 10:30 a.m. in the Common Room. All are welcome.



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, not only once a year, on 25 November (the [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)), but every month.



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

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

WHY WOULD WE NOT CONTEMPLATE EARTH'S ANGER?

Why would we not contemplate Earth's anger?

Earth's love?

At her heart, fire.

Around her body, ice.

We live between her passions.

We are of her; star-stuff she is;

God created stuff,

but with freedom, language, choice.

And with us, within her, are the ridiculously dear: baby sloths;

the hauntingly majestic and conversational: Blue whales;

the achingly tender and civic-minded: Mother elephants.

The gut-splittingly funny: Arctic penguins,

all dressed up with no floe to go.

Why wouldn't Earth disgorge our arrogance?

"Sit down and listen," she howls

in the language of flood, wind, and fire, furiously.

"I'll give you one more chance,

a few more years," she says, *"to use your power,*

power Our Creator freely gave you

to be just and to love.

Soothe my fury, heal my love:

Learn the meaning of Enough.

Be content with Enough for All.

And All means All,

Including baby sloths."



Babb Stone, PhD, is an active member and past-president of Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Association and the author of *Second Isaiah's Daughters*. Stone says that her daughter, an environmental scientist, has taught her to see the world differently.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

The past several years have seen changes improving our aging building. Our building serves not only as a place of worship, education, and in support of mission work; but also as a place for community members seeking help with addictions through 12-step groups, youth formation through Girl Scouts, health and wellness through exercise classes. Let us give thanks for the time, talents and donations that have enabled these changes and for your continued generosity to allow this house to serve God in Kensington.

Heat on the Ground Floor - Following the failure of the remaining radiant floor heat on the lower level, installation of new radiators is underway. We anticipate installation of new heating/cooling units for the Social Hall in November. Meanwhile, we still have the electric baseboard heaters. If you should use them, it is imperative they be turned off when you're done!

The day began in the cool of the morning when 40-50 volunteers from the Learning Center for Young Children (LCYC) and Warner (WMPC) showed up for our Fall Workday on October 24th. Some of our accomplishments:

- repair 8-ft. dining tables and affix protective pads on the feet
- paint lines on the parking lot
- excavate excess old mulch from the playground
- repaint bathroom stalls and paint new copper pipes
- repair ceilings on the second floor
- Cleaning in the sanctuary
- Re-install pulpit rail

If you couldn't make it, but you would be willing to complete a project, we still have several, both large and small. Just contact June Eakin about one:

- Clean wood in the sanctuary
- Clean light fixtures
- Clean kitchen range
- Paint ceiling in the Finance Office
- Weather stripping on various windows
- Paint new copper pipes on ground floor
- Paint the ceiling at the LCYC Calvert entrance
- Cover up the water pipe in the second floor hall
- Disconnect / remove old smoke detectors

Everyone can help maintain our building. Take care when moving tables and chairs on our new polished floors, wipe up spills right away and report any problems to the office or to June Eakin, chairperson of B&G. Even though we now have LED lighting, please remember to turn off lights and close doors. Our heating and cooling systems are zoned, so that we don't heat/cool areas that are used less. Close the doors to the tower lobbies if you notice one open. Thank you for being a good caretaker of our facility.

--June Eakin

STEWARDSHIP



IT'S PLEDGE TIME. AGAIN.

Last year, Warner received nearly \$280,000 in pledges from 85 individuals and families for an average just over \$60/week. The total income for Warner from all sources was almost \$400,000 which represents also the total expenditures for all the programs and all the staff of the church. These pledges were received even while Warner was in the midst of a building improvement campaign. Coming so soon after paying off our mortgage for the improvements in our church, it seems a little anti-climactic to be contemplating again our commitment to Warner and its mission. The pledge campaign is an inevitable, annual event of all churches, relying as they do on the contributions of their members to sustain the mission and ministry of the congregation. It is an easy thing to do, to just renew our pledge as in years past, and move on. But it can be a time for reflection.

The theme for this year's pledge campaign comes from the title of Hymn #655 in our church hymnal, "What Shall I Render To the Lord," which itself comes from Psalm 116, verse 12, "What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" (RSV) It is a theme that should provoke a companion question:



*What is Warner worth to me?
What is the value of its mission and ministry to me in my life in
the church,
and among my friends in the congregation?
What is the value of its mission and ministry in my life beyond
the confines of the building,
and the community of the congregation?*

Good questions, perhaps, but far too narrow in scope because the missions and ministry go beyond the personal benefits to ourselves alone. There are over three hundred people belonging to the extended Warner



family listed in our church directory.
What is Warner worth to them?

What can we render to the Lord?

Both time and money. Our dollars allow us to maintain a special place dedicated to our worship of the Lord and to the support of a professional staff for our education, inspiration and communication. Our time spent in service allows us to be more than Sunday listeners.

Time spent in service allows us to experience the richness and comfort and peace of a spiritual life in our Christian community. Time and money: Simple gifts that return so much.



The proper question is,

*What is Warner worth to **us**?*

--Another way of asking,

What shall I render to the Lord?

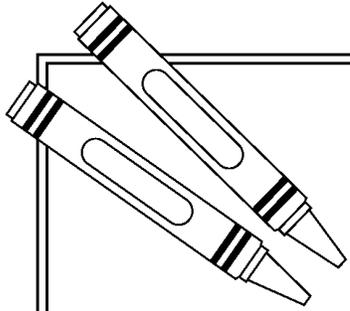
For it is not just giving for Warner, it is indeed giving to the Lord.



Soon we will be receiving information on how and when to pledge. And while November 15 has been designated as Pledge Sunday, pledges can be received at any time in the year.

It's Pledge time again.

--Bill Kirchhoff, for the Stewardship Committee

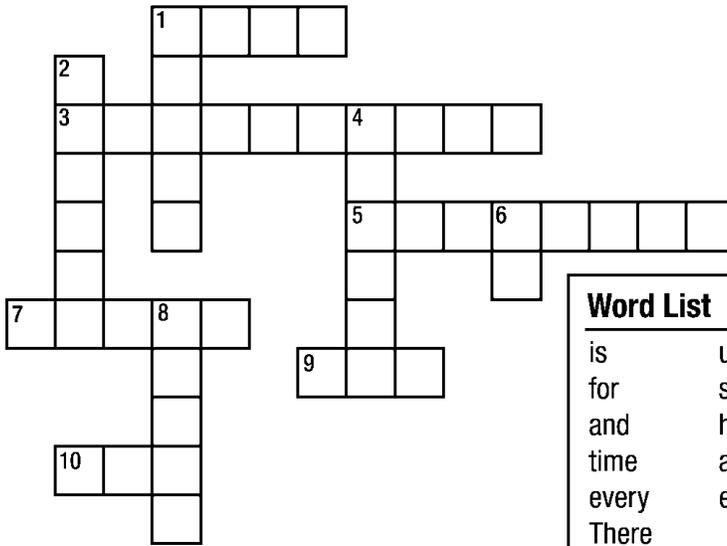


Just for KIDS

Changes

*There are many changes in the season of Autumn.
The leaves may change color, the air may become cooler
and we may go to a new classroom or school.*

Find the Bible verse below. First fit the words from the list into the crossword puzzle squares. Then transfer the words in the boxes to the matching blank lines below. To learn more, read Ecclesiastes 3:1.



- | Word List | |
|-----------|------------|
| is | under |
| for | season |
| and | heaven |
| time | activity |
| every | everything |
| There | |

_____ a _____ ,
 1 down 6 down 1 across 10 across 3 across

_____ a _____
 9 across 2 down 10 across 8 down 5 across

_____ " _____"
 7 across 4 down

Answer: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

WARNER PEOPLE

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE BOWENS

Dear Friends,

We are so very grateful to the Warner congregation (our church family) for all the special love, caring, and prayers that have surrounded us in the long illness and death of our dear daughter, Cindy.

The memorial Service on her birthday, on September 28th was such a special celebration of her life that touched our hearts so deeply. With the widespread participation at the potluck supper, we were doubly blessed with your love.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Bruce and Loyce



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 this confidential, Christian care program, please contact Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or Rev. Hill at the church office (301-949-2900).

PHOTOS WELCOMED FOR OUR “BLESSING BOARD”

As part of Warner’s annual Stewardship campaign, children, youth and adults are invited to become actively engaged by contributing photographs of blessings that abound in the life of the church, both within and outside. Photographs may be e-mailed to the church at office@warnermemorial.org, and will be posted on the **“Blessing Board”** outside the Sanctuary (in the main hallway, near the C.E. office door). Please stop and look at the contributed photos during this month, when we traditionally give thanks for all our daily blessings.

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
- 12 Major Williams
- 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 William Kirchhoff, Peter McGrath, Shannon Stalker
- 28 Simran Puri
- 30 Frances Stambaugh

NOTICE—TWO NEW FLIERS AVAILABLE FOR YOU—AND YOUR FRIENDS!

In October, the church staff produced two new three-fold fliers – brochures. The first of these colorful, illustrated brochures highlights Warner Memorial’s ministries and programs. The second describes our Learning Center’s (LCYC) programs for young children and their parents. Copies are in the pew racks and elsewhere around the building in display racks. Please note and read these; feel free to take one of each if you wish to share with your friends and neighbors.

NEXT MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the June issue of the Warner MEMO **by Friday, 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 ... and we thank you for your contributions!

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