

October, 2014

# THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

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## WORSHIPPING TOGETHER IN OCTOBER

### Sunday, October 5

*World Communion Sunday*  
Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14  
“Pressing On”

### Sunday, October 12

Joint worship service  
with First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar  
at Warner Memorial,  
Rev. Carl Davis preaching

### Sunday, October 19

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22  
“The Things That Are God’s”

### Sunday, October 26

*Reformation Sunday*  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-40  
“An Incarnate Faith”

Every day of the week, you can help adults and children in our community who are struggling below the poverty level. Please remember to bring cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the **Mid-County United Ministries’** food pantry in Wheaton. Together, we can continue to fill the big wooden “hunger barrel” in the Warner narthex. Thank you!

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

When we had our construction dedication event on September 7, I had the opportunity to thank many people who helped us get to what we were celebrating that day. I also want to thank those who enabled us to have a wonderful celebration, with a picnic and all the events of the dedication. We are also thankful that we can now use the elevator and I encourage all who are considering where to park when you are here to leave parking closest to the elevator tower to those who have mobility needs. Let me also give a huge thank-you to those who have made and continue to pay on their capital improvement pledge which goes through the end of next year (2015). The gifts this year and next, along with plans to sell a portion of the grassy area on Prospect Street, make up the means for us to pay off our mortgage by the end of 2015.

In addition to those updates, let me also focus on what is happening in our music program. We feel very blessed to have Peter Smeallie serving as our Interim Music Director. There is a search taking place to find who will serve as our ongoing Music Director. With Alina Belenky having left to take a larger position as organist at another church, we are happy to announce that Jeffrey Binckes will be serving as our interim organist starting in October. When you meet him before or after a worship service, please welcome him. Our search for an organist to fill a permanent position is getting started.

With all that activity, there is even more that is taking place through the life and ministry of this congregation. The other parts of this Memo outline some of what is happening.

With gratitude for all that God is doing in our midst,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **PARENTS OF YOUTH MEET THIS SUNDAY!**

On **Sunday, October 5**, there will be a meeting after worship in the Trinity Room for the parents of youth (in grades from 7 through 11 who may be interested in participating in the 2015 Confirmation Class. This meeting is to give a brief overview of the Confirmation program and to answer questions. Please contact Jan Moody at: [jdmooody3@gmail.com](mailto:jdmooody3@gmail.com) or call the church office (301-949-2900) if you are able to attend.

### **KEN-GAR & WARNER WORSHIP TOGETHER ON OCTOBER 12**

Celebrate in joyful worship on **Sunday, October 12**, as the Warner Memorial congregation will host our brothers and sisters from the First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar. The Rev. Carl Davis will preach, and our two choirs will sing together. After worship, we will share a light meal and fellowship.

## OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP



### **RECEPTION ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

On **Sunday, October 5**, we celebrate World Communion along with many churches around the world. We encourage all to bring a friend to worship with us on this special Sunday, and we invite folks to wear clothing of another culture if they wish. Our Hospitality Committee will host the “Foods of the World” reception in the social hall following worship this Sunday. If you can contribute by helping with set-up on Saturday or Sunday morning, by bringing a food item, or by cleaning up after the fellowship time, please contact Sue Burns (301-933-7799) or Cheryl Geiger (301-564-0397).

## COMMUNITY

### **WE JOIN OUR DENOMINATION IN CELEBRATING “A SEASON OF PEACE”**

Throughout October, Warner Church celebrates this season’s Special Offering. The Peacemaking Offering is now known as the Peace and Global Witness Offering, though Warner may continue to call it by its familiar name. At the PCUSA website, there is a page

for this special offering (<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.html>), which explains: “This new Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ”.



This is the season of Peacemaking. Warner begins collecting this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 5. This special offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace, enabling the program to: **inspire** new approaches to active peacemaking; **equip** God’s people to be compassionate; and **connect** communities in accompaniment, learning and shared action for transforming the world.

During October, there will be special envelopes placed in the Sanctuary pew racks for your donations. Checks should be made payable to Warner (WMPC) with a notation for “Peacemaking.” On behalf of many communities seeking reconciliation and peace, *Thank you!*

## YOU’RE INVITED TO MUM’S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, OCTOBER 10

All Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church members, their families and friends are invited to attend the Mid-County United Ministries (MUM) Fall Harvest Fundraiser on Friday, October 10, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building (1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, 20910). The event is free; food and music will be provided. Come celebrate with us. Freewill donations will be accepted. If you decide to come, please e-mail your name and the number in your party to: [office@mumhelp.org](mailto:office@mumhelp.org). Thanks, and please come!

## YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE “2 CENTS-A-MEAL” PROGRAM MAKES IT WORK



For September and October, our discretionary portion (40%) of donations to the “2-Cents-a-Meal” program will assist **Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry**, an organization that helps low-income families in our area. On September 21 after worship, several of us met in the Warner Common Room for our monthly tabulation of the coins, currency and checks. We counted (and packaged for delivery) \$386.50 – mostly in coins! On Sunday, October 19, we’ll roll out the little red wagon again for your donations. If you can spare about 45 minutes that afternoon, please join us in counting the collection.

Thanks to all who contribute to this vital program!

## **DONATING OLD SHOES BRINGS HOPE TO CHILDREN IN UGANDA**

We are participating in a shoe collection project sponsored by Rukundo International. This non-profit organization was started by two women here in Montgomery County. Their goal is to bring Christian education to children in Kabale, Uganda. Many of these children are orphans due to the AIDS epidemic.

The project is simple and costs each of us nothing. In fact, it is an incentive to do something we probably need to do—clean out our closets. For every 2500 pairs of shoes that are collected, Rukundo International will receive \$1,000 from a partner organization.

In the U.S. alone, approximately 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away each year. The materials used to manufacture shoes are created from chemical compounds, the kind that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. These shoes can instead be used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain, and grow a micro-enterprise. Because of this opportunity, individuals are able to feed, clothe, and house their families. Collected shoes are cleaned, repaired, or melted down to make a new pair of shoes. The recipients of these shoes are eternally appreciative and become incredibly resourceful with the products they receive.

We have already donated 35 pairs to Rukundo and more are waiting to be delivered. Please look around your home and bring to the church any shoes, slippers, ski boots, flip flops or other foot gear. They can be in any condition. Please put them together in pairs and put them in the boxes in the Social Hall or outside the Christian Education office. Ask your friends to join us in collecting unwanted shoes. It is so simple to do!

Kay Gorman

*“So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us...”*

2 Corinthians 5:20

## BOARD OF DEACONS

### NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

A good time was had by all who attended the Rally Day church picnic on Sunday, September 7th. After a wonderful ceremony in which the new elevator and other construction projects were dedicated, the congregation was entertained by our minstrel for the day, Banjo Man Frank Cassel. Thanks go to the CE Commission and Jan Moody for obtaining/ hiring the entertainment. While all the deacons pitched-in to help, thanks go to non-deacons, which made lighter work in the preparation and clean-up: Ty Bragg and Scott Bunn for table and chair set-ups; several youth of the church for chair set-up and providing ice cream; to Ty Bragg and James Kinder for grilling and to many folks who stayed afterwards to help with the clean-up.

As many of you know, the board this year is comprised of fewer deacons. Thanks go to Charity Singletary who has graciously helped us with Sunday flower deliveries when we have been short a deacon. If you would like to occasionally help the deacons with a regular flower delivery, please contact Elizabeth Bunn at (cell) 301-237-3121 or any deacon.

On **Saturday evenings in November**, the Board of Deacons will once again be coordinating the preparation and serving of dinners at Rainbow Place which is a women's shelter in Rockville. Please stay tuned to upcoming Sunday bulletins, the November MEMO, and the Warner Weekly for further details.

-The deacons were very busy in September! In addition to hosting the Rally Day picnic, we assisted MUM (Mid-County United Ministries) with their booth at the Kensington Labor Day parade. We plan more projects for the fall season....stay tuned!!

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.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### **FLOWER ARRANGING**

Beverly Sceery will give a beginner's Flower Arranging Class on **Sunday, November 9, at 12:30p.m.** in the Common Room for anyone interested. Beverly is a Master Judge of Flower Shows, the highest title given Flower Arrangers. She was formerly Director of Flower Show School held at the National Arboretum in Washington D.C. and has given classes and demonstrations to numerous groups. Beverly holds a B.S. Magna Cum Laude, M.S. degree and seven years of Advanced Graduate Studies for a Ph.D. in Adult Education from the University of Maryland. She is a retired adjunct professor having taught many courses in Finance, Consumer Problems, and Home Management at the University.

### **USHERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are continually needed to be ushers, four for each Sunday. Please check the calendar outside the church office to see when you can help. While we love to have people sign up for one month at a time, we welcome volunteers even if you can only serve for one Sunday.

Ushers are our hosts, preparing the House of God each Sunday for our church family and our visitors. They carefully check the details—the lighting, the temperature, the safe parking for cars. They tidy up the pews and pew racks, set the table with our best silver, foresee the comfort of dry throated music leaders and readers and the needs of those with hearing and sight limitations. They greet us warmly and pass out the bulletins. They collect our gifts to God and help us voice our joys and concerns. They tidy up after we all leave. They return everything to its proper place, ready to be used again next time we come together as a family.

Ushers are indeed great hosts. They also are a team. Although there are many details to attend to, no one has to do it all. And the sheet of directions is to complete, there is no question of what to do. Each one does what they can. And if we need to recruit from the congregation to help with a specific task, we do.

So please consider being an usher. Try it for just one Sunday and see how much you can do. Look at the chart and sign up soon!

Thank you.

Kay Gorman

## WELCOME OUR NEW GIBSON-THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Reshma Patricia Crawford has been involved in the arts, particularly music, for as long as she can remember. Since middle school, she has been involved with a number of choirs and has taken private voice lessons with Dr. Lorriana Markovic since 2005, covering a variety of styles from classical to show tunes to pop. Most notably, Reshma has served as a long-time player in Albert Einstein High School's theatre productions and the music director for her college's all-female a capella group, The Stilettos. She graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County this past May with a B.A. in Cinematic Arts and minors in Creative Writing and Music, and she currently attends Hollins University where she is pursuing an M.F.A. in Screenwriting. She thanks Warner Memorial for welcoming her into the wonderful choir and congregation with open arms!

## ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN WARNER'S CHOIRS

This season, the Warner Memorial Church choirs are in full swing – and tuning up for Advent. This is a good time for folks of all ages to consider joining our choirs, including: the Youth singers (and chime ringers), the adult Sanctuary choir, and the hand-bells. Peter Smeallie, Warner's interim director, will welcome you. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings (see the calendar page for times).

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

### YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR C.E.B.G.H.: (CLEAN-ENERGY- BUYING GROUP FOR HOMES)



Our Warner Church building's electricity contract is provided through this program, as are those of several families in our congregation. As an Earth Care Congregation, we are called to take action, not only for our church building, but also in our homes. You might even get a lower rate than ordinary.

**Pay your home's energy bills and looking for a clean energy supplier?** Join the program that is making a difference. Caring folks who pay an electricity bill to Pepco, BGE, or Potomac Edison have the opportunity to choose where their electricity comes from, but navigating the many

suppliers can be overwhelming. Our clean energy buying group in partnership with Groundswell Energy provides a vendor-neutral process that uses our collective buying power to negotiate the best prices for 100% clean energy.



Last spring, over 1,100 people in DC and Maryland bought 100% clean energy for their homes and apartments. This fall's your chance to do the same.

Interested in joining? [Sign up now](#) to receive information about this fall's clean energy buying group!

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## BUILDING & GROUNDS



### **WARNER-LCYC WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25**

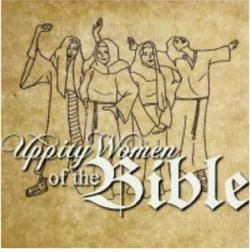
***Please save the date!*** On Saturday, October 25th, Warner Memorial members and friends will combine with the LCYC staff and parents for our annual fall work-day. The “sprucing up” begins at **8:00 a.m. and continues until 2:00 p.m.**, with a lunch break at noon.

Projects will include some indoor painting and cleaning out convectors. If the weather permits, we plan to tackle some outdoor jobs, too. Please see sign-up sheets, which will be posted soon. We’re also looking for volunteers to help with the lunch. For more information, call Susan Kline (301-774-9524) or the church office (301-949-2900).

Now that the construction is finished, we have some “leftover” materials. If you are interested in taking them, please contact the church office. Old fire alarm bells from 1955; new aluminum threshold (about 36"); Two new doors: one wood and one glass with wood frame; 4 used wood doors; a 1955 pressure-head toilet; 4 commercial-type ceiling light fixtures; scraps of wood and drywall. If you can take them to ReStore (the Habitat for Humanity reuse center) or another similar charity, please contact the church office.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

After a rejuvenating Summer, Presbyterian Women are off and running this fall. The Coordinating Team met Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and left with lots of action items and ideas to ponder as we plan our activities for the season. While all of the plans have not quite solidified, we thought you may want to know what is on the near horizon so you can plan accordingly to participate.

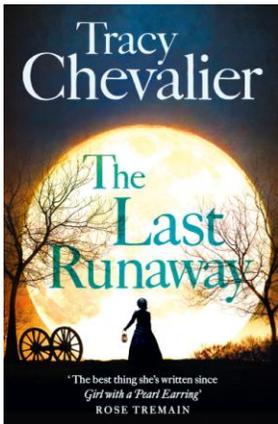


## JOY CIRCLE MEETS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

We dove right in to our study of Judith and are already so interested in this book of the Apocrypha. We continue to enjoy the tack taken by the leader of our video series, “Uppity Women of the Bible” Join us at **7:30PM on Tuesday, October 14th** as we continue to explore this story.



## BOOK GROUP MEETS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21



After a lively discussion on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are “hitting the books” again and looking forward to our October book group on **Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM** at Marie Rosché’s home in Kensington. The second book for Year #2 of this group is, “**The Last Runaway**” by Tracy Chevalier, who also wrote, “Girl with a Pearl Earring”. “The Last Runaway” is her seventh book, set in America. The year is 1850, and Quaker Honor Bright has been jilted by her fiancé and leaves the comfort of her native England for the harsh frontier farmland of 1850 Ohio. Among strangers and feeling the pressures of an alien world,

Honor struggles to ford a cultural divide wider than the Atlantic she just crossed. And soon a new urgency takes hold: Honor joins the Underground Railroad, aiding runaway slaves in their escape to freedom. Sounds interesting, does it not? **Join us on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM at Marie’s.** We have been so fortunate to have Lisa Smeallie spearhead efforts to get this group started and keep it going as well as to have lots of interested participants. If you are interested in leading an upcoming discussion for one of the titles we have selected for this year, please contact Lisa.

## COORDINATING TEAM NEWS

### 2014 THANK OFFERING COLLECTION STARTS NOVEMBER 2!

#### **History of the PW Thank Offering**

The Thank Offering is a PW offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. The offering funds projects 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. At least 40% of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world, while the remaining 60% funds new creative ideas for mission. The goal for the 2013 Thank Offering was \$900,000. Thanks to your generous giving to the 2013 Thank Offering, 30 projects (17 national and 13 international) will receive grants,

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. The grants awarded total \$699,125. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries.

Warner PW plan to begin collecting for the **2014 Thank Offering on November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at that day's Fellowship Hour, where we will be have offering envelopes available. We plan to collect your contributions throughout the month of November. Thank you in advance for your participation this year.

## **CONTRIBUTING TO PW AT WARNER**



While on the topic of money, we would like to encourage all women, as well as all Warnerites, to consider contributing to Warner Presbyterian Women. PW's budget is derived solely from donations, which we so appreciate. In addition to supporting local and global mission, funds are used to provide materials for Bible Study, allow us to have a woman preacher on Gifts of Women Sunday, hold the Maundy Thursday luncheon, provide Easter Baskets for children at NIH, have annual retreats, and host memorial receptions at Warner No donation is too small!



## **SAVE THE DATE SET FOR THE PW ANNUAL MEETING—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

We plan to meet following worship on **November 16<sup>th</sup>**, after grabbing comestibles at Fellowship Hour. The agenda for our meeting will include PW officer elections for Treasurer, review and approval of the 2015 PW budget and what we hope will be an interesting program regarding PW history at Warner. Please plan to join us. Look for more information next month.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

### WMPC Finances Year-to-date May 31, 2014

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over (Under)
Pledges	285,230	190,153	180,048	(10,105)
Total Income	386,555	257,703	250,689	(7,014)
Expenses	386,555	257,703	265,870	8,166
Net Income (Loss)			(15,181)	



Your Administration & Finance Commission gives thanks to all Warner members and friends who continue to support our programs with pledges and monetary gifts. Your faithful giving enables Warner Memorial Church to shine like a beacon to all through our educational, outreach, mission projects and worship. This early autumn, as the season for the 2015 Stewardship campaign approaches, we are grateful for God's continued daily blessings during this year.

## WARNER PEOPLE



### **STEPHEN MINISTRY- CONFIDENTIAL, CHRISTIAN-BASED SUPPORT**

Do you – or does someone you know and care about – feel the need for a trained Stephen Minister? This program is designed to help individuals “get through” some of life’s rough patches. Losses are among the issues that can cause an overwhelmed person to need the help of a caring listener. That’s what Stephen Ministry caregivers do – listen and care – with God’s love and guidance. For more information, please call Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875) or contact Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill at Warner Memorial Church (301-949-2900).

### **WARNER’S “FOOD & FELLOWSHIP” GROUPS—MADE JUST FOR YOU**

Here’s a summary of the various fellowship/food groups that our church supports during the year. Kindly note that newcomers are always welcome in each case. Surely there’s a place at these tables for you!

The “**Potluck Group**” meets on the third Saturday evening of each month (September through June) at members’ homes. Newcomers are always welcome. The hosts provide appetizers and beverages; the guests bring main dishes, salads or desserts, as assigned. For more information about this venerable group, please call Susan and Ben Fulton at 301-949-0691, or contact via e-mail: [fultonbs@comcast.net](mailto:fultonbs@comcast.net). Note: This month, the Potluck Group gathers at the home of Ted and Marie Rosche on **Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m.**

“**Salt Shakers**” also meets at members’ homes – in groups of 8 or more for dinner – on a monthly rotation determined by a “grid” that is printed and distributed. The hosts provide the main dish, while guests are assigned other parts of the meal to bring. Contact Sheri Daugherty on the phone (301-871-9143) or via e-mail: [sdstellar@msn.com](mailto:sdstellar@msn.com) for more information – and to get on the grid!

“**Breakfast Club**” gathers on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Warner Common Room, all year round. We have a rotating roster of chefs. Following breakfast, we read selections (essays, usually) from inspirational books. For more information, please call the church office (301-949-2900) or show up with a bib on **October 8 or 22.**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Alison Heafitz
- 6 Benjamin Bresee, Max Kuzmyak
- 8 Phil Och
- 9 Michael Carlson
- 17 Lara Brodsky
- 19 Katherine Locher
- 21 Mark Bocchetti
- 23 Lisa Smeallie
- 24 Brian Whiteman, Chris McGrath
- 24 Alexander Bannon
- 25 Jim Bresee, Paula Simenauer
- 28 Natalie Thompson, Harry Trout
- 29 Kelsey Moody, Ila Trautvetter

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## NOVEMBER MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the November Warner MEMO **by Monday, October 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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